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HH the Amir welcomes King Hussein (left) at the airport



A British lawmaker and outspoken critic of the Irish Republican Army was killed yesterday after a bomb exploded beneath his car seat as he prepared to leave home, police said. Ian Gow (pictured with his wife), a Conservative Party member of the House of Commons, died shortly after emergency services reached his home, said Inspector Mike Alderson of Sussex police. The bomb exploded at 8.39 am after Gow got into his car in his carport, police said.

Karachi calls on Gulf

ABU DHABI, July 30, (Agencies): Pakistan wants both India and Pakistan," said Iqbal Akhund, Foreign Affairs and National Security Advisor to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto during a short visit to Abu Dhabi.

Akhund said he delivered a message in this respect from Benazir to Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates.

Currency Rates

THE Central Bank of Kuwait currency rates against the Kuwaiti dinar on July 30, valued for August 1, 1990.		
Currency	Buying	Selling
US dollar	286.650	289.800
Sterling	520.971	522.521
Deutsche mark	178.841	179.888
Swiss franc	211.581	212.177
French franc	053.404	053.691
Italian lire	000244	000246
Japanese yen	001922	001949
Bahraini dinar	765.446	769.006
Qatari riyal	079.255	079.959
Saudi riyal	076.932	077.300
Omani riyal	749.448	753.118
UAE dirham	078.595	078.921

Asian currency exchange rates against Kuwaiti dinar:		
Currency	KD	GOLD PRICES
India Rupee (1,000)	16.620	3.435.000
Pak. Rs	13.300	One kg. 995
Sri Lankan Rs	1.240	21.10 per gm.
Singapore dollar	159.80	21.10 per gm.
Hong Kong dollar	37.30	3.500
Bangladesh taka	9.650	18.10 per gm.
Philippine peso	12.590	10 tola gold 401.00
		One ounce gold 112.000

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■ The dollar ended European dealings broadly weaker Monday, hurt largely by movement into higher-yielding European currencies on jitters over the direction of US monetary policy.

Gold was little changed from Friday. Dealers said the precious metal faced a broad lack of interest with even industrial demand diminished to a trickle. Many customers had stocked up at lower price levels, dealers said.

In Tokyo, the dollar fell to a closing 148.60 Japanese yen from 150.75 yen at Friday's close. Later, in London, it fell to 148.12 yen.

In London, the dollar weakened from last week and traded Monday at \$1.3350 late Friday.

Other late dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Friday:

■ 1.6085 West German marks, down from 1.6145

■ 1.3653 Swiss francs, down from 1.3680

■ 5.3885 French francs, down from 5.4080

Gold rose in London to a late bid price of \$367.25 a troy ounce, up from \$367.15 bid late Friday.

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Oman to buy jets

NICOSIA, July 30, (Reuter): Oman said today it was buying an unspecified number of advanced Hawk jet fighters from British Aerospace.

The official Omani News Agency, received in Cyprus, said the deal for the jets and support equipment was signed in London by Fahr Bin Taimur, Muscat's deputy prime minister for security and finance and BAe officials.

Musicians held

VICTORIA, July 30, (Reuters): Seychelles police said they detained today five musicians and two technicians from the British pop band UB40 on suspicion of possessing cannabis.

Conviction for possession of illegal drugs carries a mandatory three-year jail sentence in the Seychelles, a chain of tropical islands in the Indian Ocean.

Awwad escapes

SIDON, July 30, (AP): The political commissar of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's mainstream Fatah faction escaped an assassination attempt near Sidon today, police reported.

They said Younis Awwad, 40, was wounded when a remote-controlled bomb detonated as his two-car convoy passed by the Hassanien Road southeast of this port city.

Meet with Hamas

ABU DHABI, July 30, (AP): Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was reported today to be planning to meet leaders of the Palestinian Muslim fundamentalist group, Hamas, in one of the Gulf states over the coming few days.

All fitted, the state-run newspaper of the United Arab Emirates, said the meeting would aim at political and military coordination to escalate the uprising by the Palestinian inhabitants of the Israeli-occupied territories.

Covert news

NEW YORK, July 30, (Reuter): The Israeli Foreign Ministry has been paying journalists at a Jerusalem radio studio to report its version of the news around the world, the New York Times reported today.

Massacre

MONROVIA, July 30, (Reuter): Troops loyal to Liberian President Samuel Doe massacred at least 600 refugees, including babies, sheltering in a church in the Liberian capital Monrovia, witnesses said today.

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Rescued

A Philippine cook entombed for 14 days with a pile of corpses in the rubble of an earthquake-shattered hotel was pulled out alive on Monday.

Pedrito Dy, 27, was in hospital (picture) after he was pulled out before dawn three days after rescue teams, battling fatigue and heavy rains, recovered alive a man and woman trapped for 11 days in the ruins of the Hyatt Hotel in Baguio city in the northern Philippines. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Deal near in Trinidad crisis

Troops raid TV station

PORT-OF-SPAIN, July 30, (Agencies): Government troops attacked the state television station where the leader of a Muslim rebel coup attempt was believed to be and left the building in flames today, residents said.

Heavy gunfire also erupted near the parliament building where the rebels were holding Prime Minister Arthur Robinson and other officials hostage.

Information about the fighting was sketchy and there was no word about the outcome of either incident.

The government imposed a 24-hour curfew on parts of the capital as negotiations to free Robinson and at least 19 cabinet officials and legislators appeared to break off.

Please, please be careful. Do not venture outside," said a state radio broadcast reminding residents a state of emergency was in effect. "We cannot dramatise enough the situation."

Residents said loyal troops attacked a state-run television station held by black Muslim rebels. The station was ablaze and a thick gray smoke was rising from the building, residents said.

Meanwhile, a Trinidad and Tobago government spokesman said today an agreement was imminent on the release of more

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than 30 hostages including the country's prime minister held by black Muslim rebels.

Major Dave Williams, press officer for the Information Ministry, told Reuters: "Under the agreement, the hostages will be released unharmed and the rebels will be allowed to go free to their community on the outskirts of Port of Spain."

Kwesi Atiba, a spokesman for the rebel group Jamaat Al Muslimeen, told Reuters in a telephone interview from the Caribbean nation's state television offices that an agreement had been reached.

Atiba said that under the accord, the hostages would be released in several stages. He also said that Robinson had agreed to resign effective immediately and the country would be run by a government of national unity until new elections in 90 days.

Atiba said the rebels had been granted an amnesty and their leader, Yasin Abu Bakr, would be part of the interim government.

The rebels have said they staged the attempted coup because of government corruption and austerity measures. Some observers said the coup attempt was triggered by a police raid last month on swamp land developed by the Muslim group on the outskirts of the capital over the past decade.

The Muslim group had built schools, a mosque and other buildings on the land, which the government says the group does not own and wants them to vacate.

The Roman Catholic archbishop of Trinidad, who was involved in negotiations with the rebels, said on Saturday that Bakr had told him the prime minister and the other hostages had been wired with explosives and would be blown up if attempts were made to free them.

A local radio quoted hospital reports as saying 300 people were killed or injured in the coup attempt or in widespread looting and rioting that wrecked the capital of the two-island Caribbean nation over the weekend.

In a radio broadcast, Industry Minister Dr Bhoot Tewarie appealed for co-operation from citizens to restore calm. He made the statement in the neighbouring Island of Barbados, where he said he has been trying to help restore stability through contacts with the armed forces in Port of Spain.

The rebels holding Robinson have insisted that an agreement calling for Robinson to resign and be replaced by a transition government was being worked out.

In Washington, assistant White House Press Secretary Steve Hart told reporters the stalemate between the rebels and the government continues with some 20 to 40 members of Parliament still being held.

Some 6,000 Americans, mostly tourists, are in Port of Spain, Hart said. There are no reports of any harm to them.

Marauding youths torched buildings and looted on Sunday, despite a state of emergency and dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed on the capital of the twin-island Caribbean nation 8 miles (13 km) north of Venezuela.

Early today, Pantin said he could hear gunfire about 6 am near the television station, about



Trinidad Prime Minister Arthur N.R. Robinson. (Reuter wirephoto)

Committed to social justice

Monument sparked mutiny

POR-T-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, July 30. (AP): Black Muslim rebel leader Yasin Abu Bakr, long at odds with authorities, has decided to spend \$500,000 on a memorial to a dead woman.

Leader was the "straw that broke the camel's back."

Shortly after his followers seized Parliament House Friday, Bakr commanded the government TV station and announced he had overthrown Prime Minister Arthur Robinson and was holding him hostage with his cabinet.

Speaking to the country on television, he accused Robinson's year-old government of mismanagement and corruption. He singled out Robinson's announcement on June 23 that a monument would be built in honour of Jean Miles, a senior public servant who died more than a decade ago.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back: the allocation of \$500,000 to create a concrete statue to this woman, while poor people all over the country are starving," he said.

The uprising leader has long considered himself a spokesman for the poor.

A former mounted policeman who converted to Islam while studying in Canada in the early 1980s, Bakr founded and has been the leader for six years of the Jamaat Al Muslimeen Commune. It is on eight acres of former swamp land on the western edge of Port-of-Spain, the capital.

Abu Bakr is described by friends as a man committed to social justice.

The Toronto Star reported yesterday that Abu Bakr gave a series of lectures here only six weeks ago.

The newspaper quoted Haroon Salamat, head of the Toronto and Region Islamic Congregation, as saying Bakr had talked about his disenchantment with the Robinson government.

The rebel leader, in his late 40s, is married and has a son and daughter believed to be attending the University of Toronto. His wife Annisa, is an executive for the Trinidad and Tobago Industrial Development Corp.

Another major source of friction with authorities is thought council's contention that their built his compound without a building permit.

In the early 1970s, the late prime minister Eric Williams donated the land to East Indian Muslims to build whatever they wanted. But they never picked up the offer.

Abu Bakr returned from Canada in 1984 and grabbed the land, saying his black Muslims had a right to it.

He built a mosque in the centre and living quarters for his 250 to 300 followers. Four major buildings include a kitchen for the poor and a large school.

The dispute came to a head in the 1980s when Bakr was jailed for several weeks for contempt of court when he failed to answer charges of illegal occupation brought by the council.

Over the years, the commune has been raided by police looking for arms and ammunition. They found a few rifles and small amounts of ammunition.

400 yards (metres) from his residence.

"Last night at 10:30 pm, a government minister not in captivity made an address to the nation," Pantin told Cable News network. "He was very very sketchy on the actual situation. I get the impression he may be playing for time. He just said progress was being made."

Pantin also questioned the truth of Bakr's reported claim that Robinson, 63, had been tied to a chair and wired to explosives.

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Kashmir

warnings by New Delhi against raising the issue of Kashmir at the Cairo meeting. New Delhi officials said last week that such Pakistani move would further hurt New Delhi's ties with Islamabad.

Pakistan is a prominent member of the OIC. But most OIC states also enjoy good relations with India, and though they condemn repressive practices by Indian troops inside Kashmir, they have been pressing for a peaceful settlement of the crisis between India and Pakistan.

A Kashmiri militant leader today urged an Islamic foreign ministers' meeting starting in Cairo to support a Muslim uprising in India's Jammu and Kashmir state and cease trade with India.

Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front (JKLF) chairman Amanullah Khan said in a statement the OIC should pass a strong resolution backing the Kashmiris' right to self-determination and condemning "the savagery of Indian forces of occupation."

Pakistan, an OIC member and the main backer of the Kashmiri cause, has proposed a resolution

for the conference.

Militant groups in Srinagar said several of their leaders had gone to Cairo to brief the ministers on the situation in Kashmir where more than 1,000 people have been killed since January.

■ Muslim militants today set off a bomb that wounded 10 people in a heavily-guarded major state office building as thousands of workers were leaving work, government sources said.

The bomb exploded about 4 pm in the 6-storey Civil Secretariat building, which houses virtually all offices of the Jammu and Kashmir state government, said the sources, who asked not to be identified.

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Chicago generating station catches fire

Blackout spurs looting, 3 die in home fire

CHICAGO. July 30, (UPI): Power was restored yesterday afternoon to half the 40,000 electricity customers who lost power because of a fire in a generating station a night earlier, but some still may be blacked out for "a day or two," a utility spokesman said.

The fire, which blacked out areas in Chicago's west side and its western suburbs, also triggered looting and a second fire that killed three people, officials said.

The fire in Commonwealth Edison's 12,000-volt coal-burning transformer broke out at about 10 pm Saturday and burned about 6-1/2 hours, utility spokeswoman Margaret Winters said. She said no injuries were reported.

The fire caused damages "in the millions" of dollars and affected wires that distribute power to the west side, Comed operating manager William Downey said.

"What we lost here was the nerve centre," Downey said. "We don't know the cause of the fire but the vicinity is where the power leaves the station."

Of the 40,000 who lost power because of the fire, Comed spokesman Steve Solomon said, "twenty-thousand people were back on line as of 4 pm (yesterday). Bit by bit we're picking this

thing up. Some of the remaining customers may be without power for a day or two."

Solomon said workers were trying to reroute power lines but were running out of options.

One west side family used candles during the blackout but evidently forgot to extinguish them, sparking a fire that killed three people in the home and injured four others.

"They were using the candles for light because the electricity was out," bomb and arson Sgt. Edward O'Donnell said. "They went to bed and left the candles burning."

Police said looting of west side businesses began soon after the outage provided the cover of darkness. Police spokesman Tina Vicini said 11 stores had been victimised.

"As soon as people found out there was no power and no police, the looting started," said a Harrison district desk sergeant who declined to identify himself.

Chicago police Supt Leroy Martin said 49 people were arrested for looting stores, and he advised west side residents to stay in their homes.

Martin said eight people were char-

ged with looting, 31 with burglary, eight with mob action, one with aggravated assault and one with disorderly conduct.

One businessman, who said his grocery store was unharmed, said he saw people running with clothes they had taken from a dry cleaning shop.

"You felt danger all around you... you didn't know who was going to walk up on you," said Johnnie Mason, whose friends helped him guard his food store overnight.

Martin said 200 police officers would patrol the site last night with 35 traffic officers deployed at intersections where street lights were not functioning.

Mayor Richard M. Daley downplayed the reported looting and said the city's actions were appropriate.

"(There is) no need for a curfew, no need to call the national guard," Daley said. "One incident with a looter does not reflect the west side. There has been no such thing as a riot or heavy looting," he said.

Business owners who were affected reported losses in the thousands of dollars.

One Akran Geder, said he was "definitely out of business" and would not open another store on the west side.

Workers prepare to board up the window of a local grocery store, vandalized by gangsters on the night of July 28 when power was cut because of a fire in a generating station in Chicago. (Reuter wirephoto)

PEOPLE AND PLACES

The MacQuarie Dictionary of New Words

Keeping track of changes

SYDNEY. Australia, July 30, (AP): Planning to put big bikies on the pyjama game? It'll be ace if your team wins, but don't get tired and emotional if they're streaked.

For those unfamiliar with speaking "strime" it's a translation, courtesy of "The MacQuarie Dictionary of New Words": Planning to bet a lot of money on the one-day cricket match? It will be great if your team wins, but don't get drunk if they're beaten badly.

"Strime" is the shorthand pronunciation for Australian English. The Dictionary Research Centre at Sydney's MacQuarie University has been keeping track of changes in the language since the school published the 2,049-page "The MacQuarie Dictionary" in 1981.

While it is not an official dictionary, the Australian government publishing service used the MacQuarie as the main reference for the government stylebook that is distributed nationwide.

So many new words keep popping up that MacQuarie has issued the 400-page "new words" supplement to update the evolution in technology, finance, medicine and slang. Each entry is accompanied by a notation on the first time the word or phrase was known to have been used.

"We are moving into the force field of international English, which is very largely influenced by American English," said Susan Butler, the dictionary's editor.

Here, Australians now use Seppo (American) phrases like "touch base," for making contact with people; "worst-case scenarios" and "alpine lights." Athletes "tough it out," "pump themselves up" and "lift their game."

"In Australia's history, we've shifted from being entirely British-dominated to being more independent of our colonial background," Butler said.

The roots of some new words are fairly clear:

"Brain bucket" for a helmet with a face mask, frag (a little bit) — which apparently comes from frag

ment — and "shamateur" for an athlete who is paid for playing but retains amateur status. Other words have murkier roots, such as porky (a lie) and brick (falsely accused).

Science has yielded an entire lingo of computerese. To the outsider, it can be a bewildering jungle of PCs, ROM, hackers, boids, microchips, megabytes and slaves. There's also the greenhouse effect, faxless genetic fingerprinting, CFCs (chlorofluorocarbons) and VFTs (very fast trains).

The world of finance has produced corporate cowboys, junk bonds, macro economy, insider trading and evasion (tax avoidance bordering on illegality).

Aids is word in daily use now, along with other medical terms such as IVF (in-vitro fertilisation), SIDS (sudden infant death syndrome) and passive smoking.

But writing and verbal shorthand are prime contributors to new words.

LOS ANGELES: Pop star Bobby Day, who had a number of hits in the 1950s, died in a Los Angeles hospital early on Sunday, a colleague said.

A spokesman for Desert Rose Productions, who worked with Day, said the singer, whose real name was Robert Bird, had been in hospital since July 15 for cancer treatment.

Day, whose hits included "Rockie Rock" and "Little One," both released at the height of his career in 1958, remained active in show business, the spokeswoman said. (Reuters)

BOSTON: The spiritual leader of the world's Eastern Orthodox Christians ended his historic US tour Sunday with a service for thousands of people before flying home to Turkey.

The service capped the 27-day visit by Ecumenical Patriarch Dositheos I, the first patriarch ever to visit the Western Hemisphere.

About 7,500 followers attended Sunday's three-hour Divine Liturgy at Boston's Hynes Auditorium, said Sophia Nibi, spokeswoman for the Greek Orthodox Diocese of Boston. (AP)

NEW YORK: The nose gear of a Pan Am express flight carrying 44 people collapsed as the plane landed Sunday, but no one was injured, officials said.

Flight 4805 from Boston landed at John F. Kennedy International Airport at 5:57 pm (2157 GMT) after two approaches, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen.

On the previous approaches, the plane's instrument panel indicated problems with the nose gear, Bergen said. The pilot put the aircraft down on the third approach, and the gear collapsed.

The plane, a four-engine turboprop, De Havilland Dash 7, was carrying 41 passengers, two cockpit crew members and one flight attendant, said Pan Am spokesman Pamela Hanlon.

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Japanese fisherman star dies

TOKYO, July 30, (AP): An elderly Japanese fisherman who starred in a documentary akin to Ernest Hemingway's "The Old Man And The Sea" has died in what may have been a last fight with a big marlin.

The body of Shigeru Itokazu, 81, was found floating in the East China Sea off a small island in the Okinawa chain yesterday near the small skiff in which he fished alone, police in Okinawa said.

Other fishermen in the area did not see exactly what happened, but a wound on Itokazu's thumb apparently came from a suddenly tautened fishing line and probably indicated he was pulled into the sea by a marlin, said John Junkerman, an American documentary filmmaker.

Junkerman spent most of two years filming Itokazu's life on the remote island of Yonaguni, and his film, titled in Japanese "The Old Man And The Sea," was released last month in Okinawa.

"It is very ironic and very unfortunate that Itokazu had his end this way and so soon after the film was finished. He was enjoying very much that it was getting a lot of attention, and it was a great deal of work and pressure on him to make the film," Junkerman said.

An unexplained and sharp decline in the numbers of dolphins in the Welsh Bay prompted the study.

Mersey Firth, a body of water off the Scottish coast, also contains dolphins, and they were individually identified in an earlier study.

The new Greenpeace project will photograph each dolphin in profile in order to identify the shape of each dolphin's dorsal fins and other distinguishing features, such as scars or bite marks. (AP)

LONDON: Malcolm Muggeridge, one of Britain's most celebrated media pundits, was listed Sunday in "stable condition" after suffering a stroke according to hospital officials.

The 87-year-old journalist, author and television personality was admitted Friday to St Helen's Hospital in Hastings, 22 miles (32 kilometers) east of Brighton.

Since January 1977 when he was asked by the British Broadcasting Corp. to lead his own short story on the air, Muggeridge's iconoclastic, anti-establishment journalism has been read and listened to throughout the world in newspapers, magazines, books, published diaries and on TV. (AP)

AMERICAN INDIANS descended from one small group

BAR HARBOUR, Maine, July 30, (AP): Nearly all American Indians are descendants of a single small band of pioneers who walked across what's now the Bering Strait here at Aski 15,000 to 30,000 years ago, a genetic researcher has said.

The descendants of this hardy group make up 95 percent of American Indians, including the Mayas, Incas and many other spread throughout North, Central and South America. The exceptions are the Eskimos and Aleuts of the Arctic rim, the Navajos, Apaches and a few others who arrived later, said Douglas Wallace of Emory University in Atlanta.



Brush down

An Indian elephant enjoys a brush down by his keepers at London Zoo Regent's Park during a warm afternoon yesterday. London Zoo, opened in 1828, contains over 6,000 animals. (Reuter wirephoto)

Polo Tournament at Windsor Great Park. He had been expected to join his team to contest the prestigious silver jubilee cup in front of a crowd of up to 25,000, before breaking his arm in a fall from a polo pony on June 28. His team withdrew after the prince's accident.

However, Queen Elizabeth was on hand to present the Coronation Cup trophy to a victorious England team after they beat their French opponents by six goals to five.

Among the celebrities at the pre-match lunch were actress Jane Seymour, film director Michael Winner and actress Jenny Seagrove. Also present was Major Ronald Ferguson and his wife, Sussie.

GUNMEN posing as mourners dropped flowers they were carrying and fired on about 100 mourners attending the burial Saturday of a Vietnamese man at a cemetery in nearby Linden, New Jersey.

Seven people were wounded by gunfire and seven others injured in the ensuing panic in this suburb three miles (5 kilometers) west of New York.

"It looks like it's definitely going to spill over," Linden police Capt. Robert Gerbounka said yesterday.

NEW YORK, July 30, (AP): The shooting of seven people at a gang member's funeral may trigger widened violence in the struggle for power between New York City's Vietnamese and Chinese gangs, authorities say.

The man being buried, 21-year-old Vinh Vu, was shot four times in the chest early Wednesday in a drive-by shooting in Chinatown, police said. He was described as a member of a gang known as the Born to Kill gang or the Canal Street Boys.

"What's occurring in New York is these Canal Street Boys have been doing a lot of extorting and

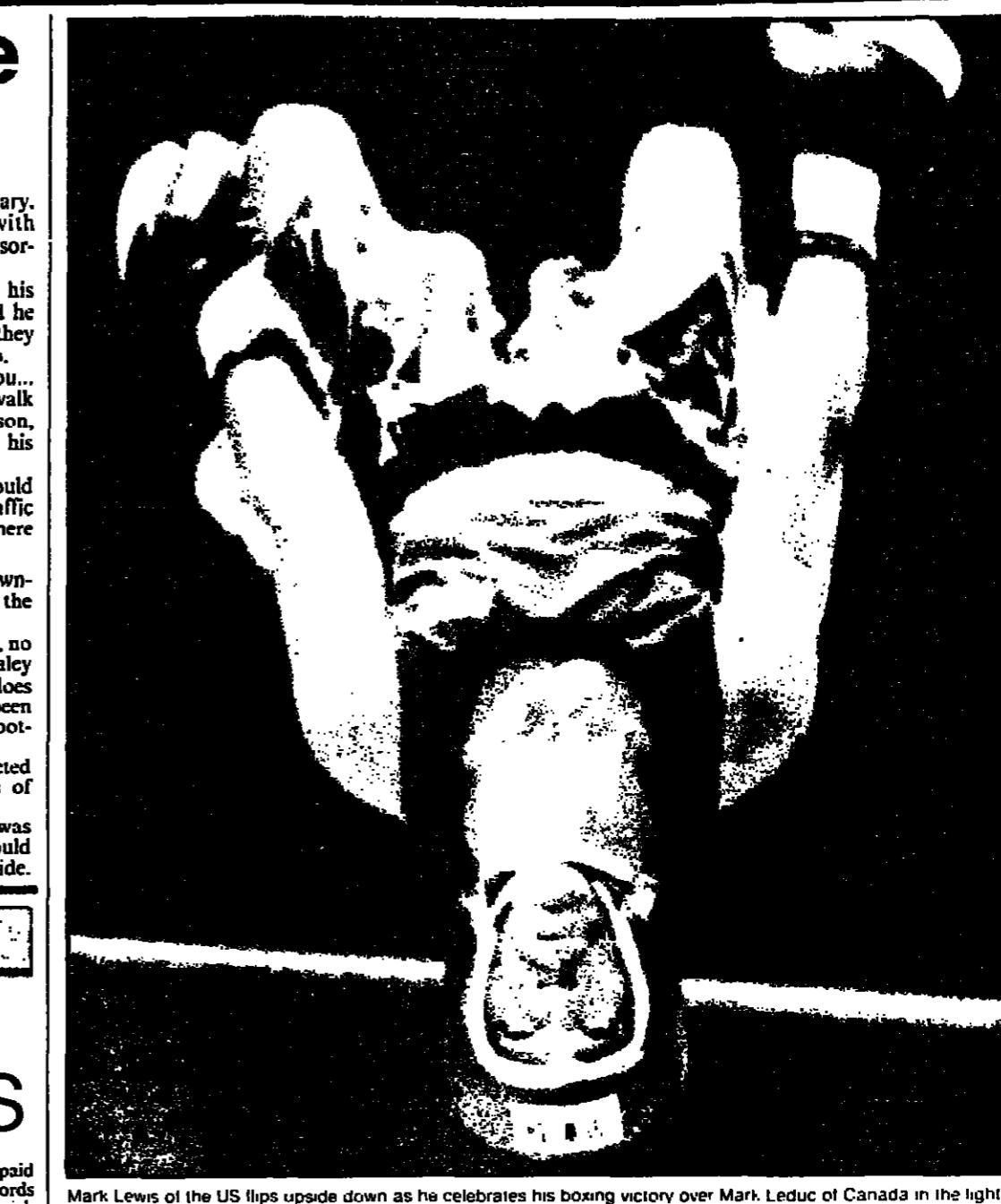
either because they killed each other off or were put in jail," McKelvey said.

Born to Kill members have filled part of that void, extorting money from shop owners and trafficking in heroin, he said.

He declined to speculate on what may have touched off Saturday's violence because the case is under investigation.

"There is a historic pattern that while a lot of this originates in Chinatown for at least the past 15 years, it's dominated by the Ghost Shadows and the Flying Dragons, he said.

"We began to see them put out of commission



Mark Lewis of the US lifts upside down as he celebrates his boxing victory over Mark Leduc of Canada in the light welterweight competition at the Goodwill Games in Seattle on Sunday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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Residents confront Mohawks

Angry at disruption to their lives

OKA, Quebec, July 30, (Reuter): About 2,000 Canadian Indians and their supporters yesterday said prayers, delivered speeches and gathered food supplies in a show of support for Mohawk Indians locked in a land dispute with the Canadian government.

But about 100 residents of the town of Oka, the golf course on land they claim as their ancestral territory.

Under a blazing sun and with native drums beating, Joe Norton, chief of the Kahnawake Mohawks told a rally in a park outside Oka that violence was inevitable when it came to Canadian natives protecting their land.

"These are people who will die for their land and their future," Norton warned. "If we have to fight and arm ourselves, as has been done, it will be done because no one else will defend us."

The Mohawk dispute has brought the issue of native rights to national attention.

BRITISH COLUMBIA: Native leader Bill Wilson said: "Non-native politicians have to recognize they can't push us around. They can only push us far."

With the help of police, the Oka residents blocked a highway and prevented Sunday's protesters from marching with food supplies and flowers to barricades outside the Oka reservation where the Mohawks and Quebec police have been facing each other in a stand-off.

Quebec's provincial government lifted a blockade and allowed food and medical supplies into the reservation earlier this week, but Mohawks say some food is still being blocked and there is only enough food for two or three days at a time.

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Aids is virtually nil," Ms Bright said. "But I will still have to have blood tests. I will not know for sure for three months."

Two hours later, a man held up a pharmacist in the northern suburb of Crows Nest. The man ran off and dropped the syringe after the 23-year-old employee handed him money.

Pharmacist Ivan Currota handed over 300 dollars (\$400) when a man entered his store in Bondi, an east Sydney suburb, on Saturday afternoon and demanded money while pointing the syringe at him.

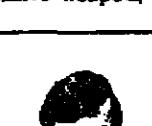
John Dowd, attorney-general for New South Wales state, warned today that robbers threatening people with syringes could face severe charges.

The charges could include attempted murder through the administration of a poison, which carries a maximum jail term of 25 years.

Robbery with a syringe could be classified as armed robbery, carrying a maximum penalty of 20 years jail, "because the syringe becomes an offensive weapon," he said.

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There is too much blood; Extraditables truce raises hope among Colombians

Bogota drug war unlikely to end until Escobar caught

BOGOTA, July 30. (Reuters) A decision by Colombia's cocaine traffickers to call a truce in a bloody drug war is a success for the government but the war is unlikely to end until drug lord Pablo Escobar is caught, political analysts say.

The so-called Extraditables — top drug-traffickers wanted in the United States — announced a unilateral, indefinite truce on Friday, raising hopes among many Colombians of an end to a drug war which has killed hundreds of people over the past year.

The war began when President Virgilio Barco launched an all-out offensive against the drug cartels supplying 80 per cent of cocaine consumed in the United States, after the assassination of presidential aspirant Luis Carlos Galan on Aug. 8, 1989.

"We suspend attacks on police, bombings in all Colombian cities and executions of politicians, journalists, judges and officials," the traffickers' communiqué said.

As with all statements from the Extraditables, it was impossible to know exactly who issued it or whether it represented the views of all the top traffickers.

Western diplomats say the statement may have come from a dissident wing of the group opposed to the violent strategy directed by

Escobar, the fugitive boss of the Medellin cocaine cartel. Such dissent would show the government had succeeded in dividing the traffickers.

Alternatively, if the decision to call a truce came from Escobar, it could mean he was seeking breathing space from the intense pressure the security have put on the cartels in recent weeks, the diplomats said.

Thousands of police and soldiers narrowly missed capturing Escobar during a manhunt in a central Colombian jungle earlier this month. Police have also arrested dozens of suspects and seized tonnes of cocaine and dynamite in recent weeks. They claim to have undermined the drug-traffickers' capacity to carry out major bomb attacks.

The truce was declared just 11 days before President-elect Cesar Gaviria takes office and could mean the traffickers are trying for a fresh start with the new president.

Although he is a strong opponent of the drug barons, Gaviria has been suggesting he does not favour a military solution to combat drug trafficking.

The diplomats said it was extremely unlikely the government would let up the pressure on the cartels while Escobar, whom the authorities blame for scores of bomb blasts, the

assassination of three presidential aspirants and dozens of officials, is still on the loose.

"I think they'll carry on with the war," one diplomat said. "There won't be an end to the vicious part of the drug war until they've captured Escobar or fought him out of the country. There's just too much bad blood," he said.

He said the security forces would point to the truce as evidence that they were winning the war and that it was not the time to let up pressure.

Despite the truce announcement, violence has continued to sweep Medellin, Colombia's second largest city and the base of Escobar's organisation.

Police said a gunman shot dead a policeman in the city on Saturday, bringing to 220 the number of officers killed there this year. Police killed a man who threw a grenade at a police patrol car, injuring two officers, a spokesman said.

Officials of the outgoing Barco government have treated the traffickers' announcement with scepticism and pledged to keep fighting them. "The state is not going to cross its arms with respect to crime every time a communiqué of this nature is made known," Interior Minister Horacio Serpa said on Saturday,

Crop substitution sought to fight coca production

LIMA, July 30. (AP) The heads of the world's main cocaine-producing countries said yesterday they welcomed US anti-drug efforts but said poor Andean peasants who grow the coca leaf — from which cocaine is made — without some other livelihood.

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Fujimori said Peru will combat drug trafficking. But he said it is not fair or realistic to expect Peruvian peasants to simply stop growing coca leaf — from which cocaine is made — without some other livelihood.

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Latin American governments, however, have

been wary about allowing direct US anti-drug operations in their countries, concerned about a loss of sovereignty.

The Andean presidents called Bush's proposal "a first step."

Latin American leaders, most notably Barroso, have said repeatedly that drug-consuming nations such as the United States are just as responsible for the cocaine problem as are the South American producer countries.

"You cannot place the weight of responsibility for this fight on a poor country buried in a severe economic crisis," Fujimori said in his inaugural address.

The Andean Presidential Council set another meeting for Aug. 7 in Bogota, Colombia. They expect to be in the Colombian capital then for the inauguration of that country's president-elect, Cesar Gaviria.

suburbs of Medellin which are believed to be bases of operations for Medellin cartel.

The drug-traffickers may regard the lifting of military control, imposed earlier this year to combat rampant violence, as a conciliatory step by the government.

Doe's soldiers massacre 200

Rival rebels converge on holdout

MONROVIA, July 30. (AP) Government soldiers early today killed more than 200 people, most of them women and children, in a church refugee camp in the embattled capital, witnesses said.

"I saw dead bodies all around," a witness said on condition of anonymity. "This is genocide."

Most of the refugees were members of the Gio and Mano tribes who have formed the main support for the rebel armies that have fought their way to the base of the hill where President Samuel Doe is holding out in his heavily fortified executive mansion. Most of the Doe's troops are from his Krahn tribe and their allies, the Mandingos.

Soldiers broke into the Lutheran church compound in the Sinkor district at about 2 am (0200 GMT) while the camp residents were sleeping, the witness said.

On Monday, the church was strewn with the bodies of women whose heads had been smashed or blown to pieces by bullets, babies still tied to their backs.

Other bodies hung out of the church windows — they apparently were killed while trying to escape, he said.

There was no telephone or walkie-talkie in the compound to allow the victims to call for help, he said.

Refugees at the Methodist church across the street fled when they heard the killing.

Thousands of refugees fleeing the civil war are crowded into refugee camps in the area.

The refugees in the church compound were among those fleeing the street battles in Monrovia.

Thousands of members of the Krahn and Mandingo tribes also are fleeing into neighbouring countries after reports that the rebels had executed hundreds of them, some in cross-border attacks into refugee camps in Guinea.

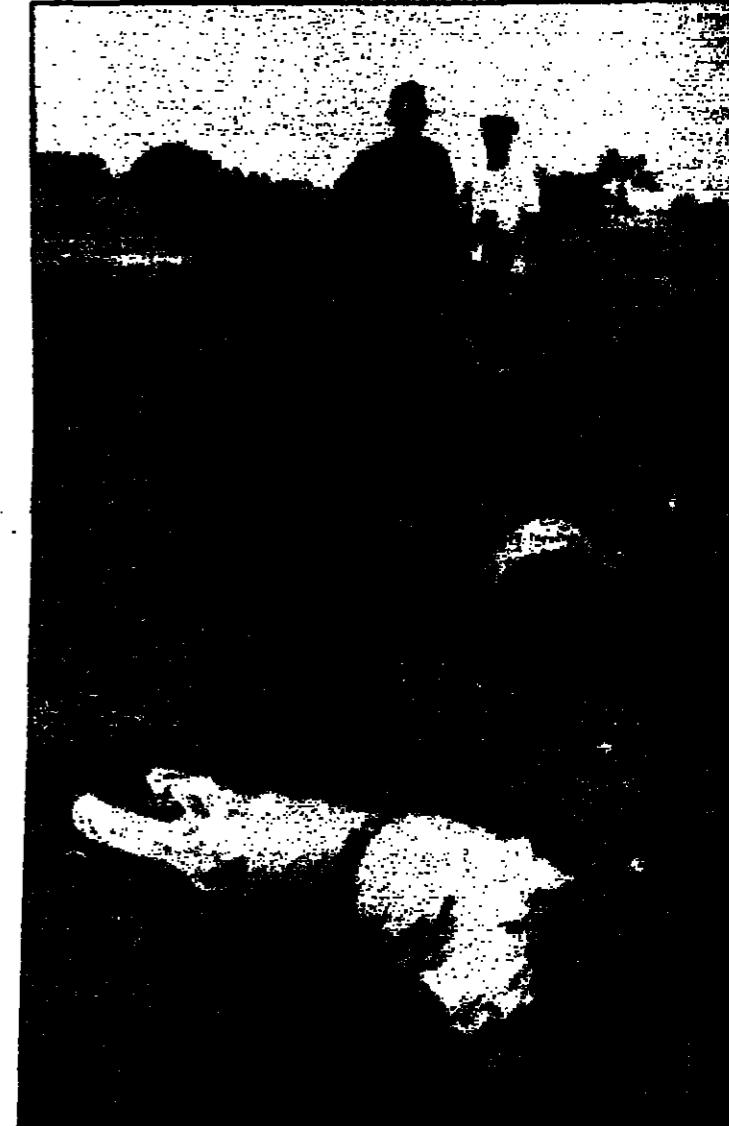
European community ambassadors last week warned that this West African country founded in 1847 by freed American slaves was slipping into anarchy and was on the brink of "national suicide."

The ambassadors of France, West Germany, Belgium, Spain and Italy called for an emergency session of the UN Security Council to deal with the Liberian civil war.

The rebels, who began their offensive in December, accuse the government of corruption and human rights abuses and demand Doe's resignation.

An 11-member panel decided the case after one original juror was kicked off last week for independently calling a reputed member of the Medellin cocaine cartel while the jury was deliberating.

Jurors, ordered sequestered following the indictment, reached their decision late Saturday.



Two Liberian rebel fighters survey corpses on the outskirts of Monrovia on Sunday. Nine unidentified dead bodies were found in the area. They appeared to have suffered summary executions. (Reuter wirephoto)

Prince Johnson yesterday said his forces, which had closed to within one mile (1.1-2 kilometres) of the heavily fortified hilltop estate, were poised to seize Doe and prevent rival Charles Taylor from becoming president.

Taylor, whose National Patriotic Front forces have been blocked for several weeks in the suburb of Paynesville, six miles (10 kilometres) from Monrovia, has declared the dissolution of Doe's government and said Johnson's importance has been exaggerated by the news media.

Johnson said yesterday in his first meeting with foreign correspondents that he, not the more visible Taylor, is leading the main rebel attack.

He accused Taylor, a former Doe aide, of being a Libyan-backed and trained socialist, and a criminal who had broken out of jail in the United States.

Taylor in the early 1980s was charged with embezzling \$1 million from Liberia's general services administration. He was arrested in the United States and escaped jail while awaiting trial.

Meanwhile, rival rebel leaders converging on Doe's holdout from different directions each claim imminent victory and discount the significance of the other.

"He is not going to come here now and make himself president," Johnson told reporters.

Johnson, who split with Taylor in February, said he and Taylor had trained in Libya with 167 men who later formed the backbone of the rebellion. He said Taylor had agreed to adhere to Libyan socialist principles, while he had not.

Taylor in a message broadcast Friday and Saturday over a local radio station declared the dissolution of Doe's government, proclaimed himself president and promised to hold elections in six months.

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In some ways, though, Cuban children are better off than children elsewhere.



BCCI officers convicted

Noriega bankers, associates charged of laundering

TAMPA, July 30. (AP) Manuel Noriega's longtime personal banker was convicted along with five others yesterday in a scheme to launder \$32 million in cocaine profits for the Medellin cartel.

The verdicts came after seven days of jury deliberations and a six-month-long trial of five international bankers and a Colombian businessman associated with the Bank of Credit and Commerce International.

Noriega tipped off on Panama invasion

Newspaper reports 'security leaks'

MAMIAMI, July 30. (AP) Manuel Noriega learned in advance of the US invasion of Panama because a marine called his mother to complain the operation would interfere with his vacation, according to secret US Army debriefing papers, a newspaper reported.

The security leaks that warned Noriega of the pending invasion were described in some of the more than 140 secret reports written by the joint debriefing centre of the US Army's 470th military intelligence brigade following the Dec. 20 invasion, the Herald reported.

Noriega also received warnings on Dec. 19, just hours before the attack began. Cap Castillo, one of Noriega's bodyguards, said two US soldiers were overheard saying the invasion would begin that night.

And on the same day, a US soldier assigned to the arms room at a US base warned his girlfriend of the invasion. A female PFD member who was with the girlfriend at the time immediately contacted Noriega's secret police about the invasion, the newspaper reported.

Captured Panamanian officers told US interrogators that Noriega never expected a full-scale invasion until Dec. 17, when he obtained telephone intercepts and intelligence reports indicating the military assault was imminent.

The Panamanian Defence Force intercepted a phone call from a US marine assigned to the US Embassy in Panama to his mother in the United States. US troops later found a transcript of the

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Attacks on blacks must end: Mandela

JOHANNESBURG, July 30. (Agencies): The African National Council (ANC) has made clear that it will stand by its allies in the Communist Party, accused by the South African government of conspiring to overthrow the state by force.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela, speaking at the Communist Party's first open rally in 40 years, defended the communists against charges of plotting insurrection.

Mandela said the talks had to proceed in an atmosphere of peace and attacks on blacks by police must stop before the ANC would consider suspending its armed struggle against white rule.

"The violence of the police against the people must come to an end," Mandela said. "If it is genuinely interested in peace and negotiations, the government must act to bring about this result."

Anti-government activists say anti-led police still mete out harsh treatment to black demonstrators despite De Klerk's reforms allowing open political dissent.

"Freedom should not be postponed or denied simply because some people have a secret agenda to sustain an anti-democratic crusade against communist opinion," Mandela told 40,000 people at the rally in Johannesburg's Soweto black township.

The white minority government of President F. W. de Klerk, acting on advice from security police, urged Mandela last week to drop Communist Party general secretary Jon Slovo from the ANC team seeking to negotiate an end to apartheid.

Neither Mandela nor Slovo, who has described the allegations as "pharisaic lies" fed to De Klerk by fanatically anti-communist security officials, gave any sign at the rally that they would accede to the demand.

The South African government seems to be backing down from its confrontation with the ANC over charges that the communists and Slovo were plotting an insurrection, two newspapers said on Monday.

Business Day and the afternoon Johannesburg Star papers said Pretoria had retreated into silence over its claims that the Communist Party had rejected a negotiated solution to South Africa's problems and planned to overthrow the state by force.

Mandela is due to give answer at a meeting with De Klerk on Wednesday ahead of a second round of government-ANC talks on August 6.

Government sources said the dispute over Slovo would be discussed at a two-day cabinet session that began at a secret venue near Pretoria on Monday.

Political commentators say they expect the meeting will plan strategy for the August 6 talks in which both sides will seek to remove obstacles to full negotiations on ending apartheid and enfranchising the voteless black majority.

The policy-making ANC national executive committee met on Monday to decide on De Klerk's request that Slovo be excluded from the talks.

"The government cannot leave this hanging in the air. It is such a serious accusation," said political analyst Willem Kleynhans.

"It seems they won't take any steps except issuing warnings because they want the negotiations to continue at all costs."

Law and Order Minister Adriana Vlok and Constitutional Development Minister Gerrit Viljoen, the government's chief political negotiators, told the two newspapers any comment on the accusations could come only from De Klerk.

"Enough has been said already," Vlok told Business Day.

His spokesman told the South African Press Association news agency that ministers were comparing the facts in their possession against statements made on the issue on Sunday at the Communist Party's first rally in 40 years.

In a separate development, police investigating an attempt to explode a car bomb on Saturday in the capital Pretoria said they were questioning the owner of the vehicle.

They said it was the largest car bomb ever found in South Africa and contained 114 kg (250 pounds) of explosives.

The vehicle was in a multi-storey car park under South African Defence Forces offices beside a crowded street.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu led a march today of squatters protesting the police shooting of two men in a shanty-town during a drug raid.

Club gunman appears in court on bomb hoax charges

LONDON, July 30. (Reuter): An Arab who held dozens of people hostage at an exclusive London night-club over the weekend appeared in court today charged with firearms possession, false imprisonment and carrying out a bomb hoax.

Syrian-born Hani El Rayes, 30, was remanded in custody by a London Magistrates Court.

Rayes broke into Tokyo Joe's night-club in London's West End early on Sunday and held the mostly Arab clientele at gunpoint, threatening to blow up

the building with a bomb strapped to his waist.

Rayes, who was armed with a 12-bore shotgun, a rifle and a bayonet, gave himself up to armed police after 10 hours inside the club during which many members managed to escape as he became high on whisky and cocaine.

The device on his belt turned out to be a fake.

He was accused in court of possessing a weapon with intent to endanger life and making murder threats. He also faces two counts of false imprisonment

and charges relating to the bomb hoax.

Customers said the gunman complained that Arabs were not giving enough support to Palestinians in Lebanon.

He demanded an aircraft to take him to Beirut, saying he was concerned about his family there, before police negotiators persuaded him to surrender.

None of the customers was injured in the siege but Rayes was wounded in the leg when he fell on a broken bottle.

Police late Sunday picked up an unidentified man and woman for questioning. Parts of barrels and stocks from shotguns were found in a car, British Broadcasting Corp. TV news reported.

Some of those released required medical attention, primarily for shock and exhaustion, police said. One person was carried out on a stretcher. All were examined by doctors on the scene, but none were hospitalised.

Tokyo Joe's owner Hrad Darian said the gunman spoke good English and

told the hostages he was married to an Englishwoman and that they had three children.

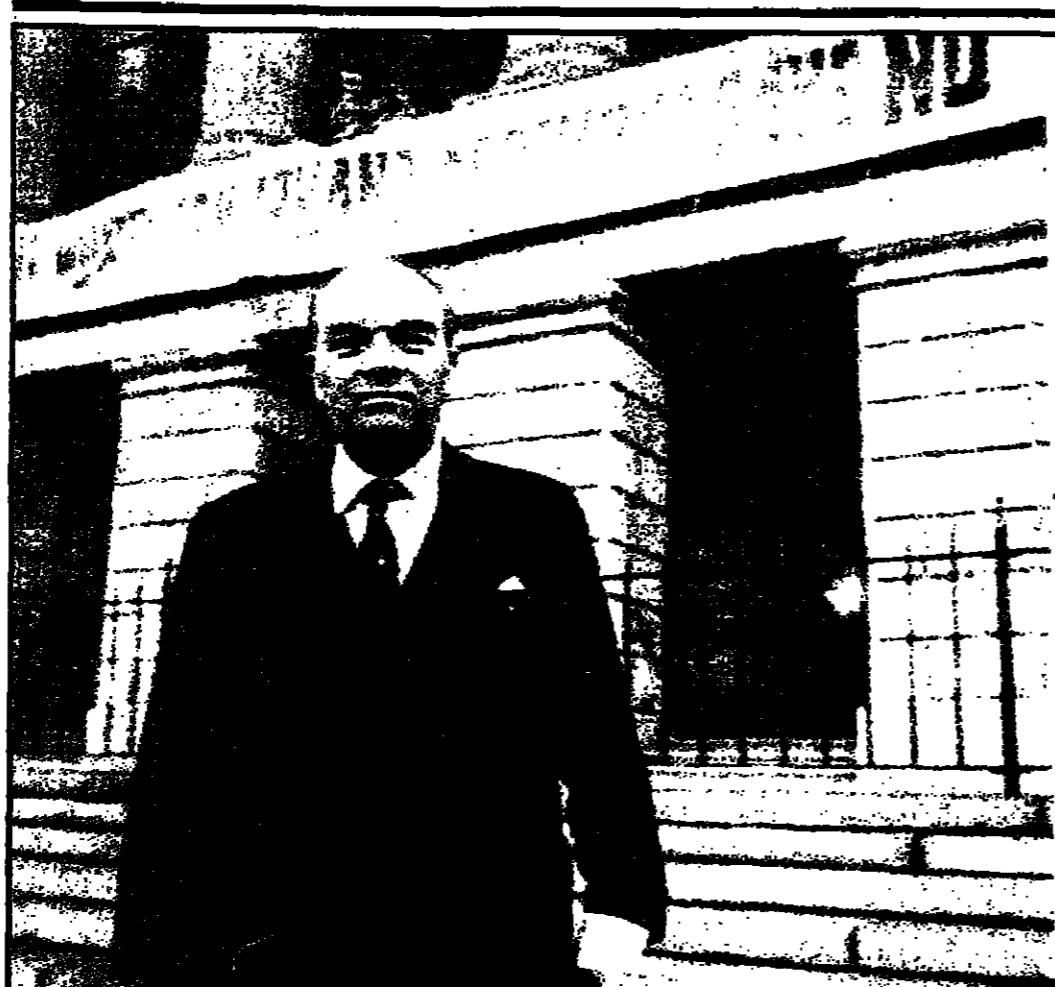
Darian had said the man seemed to be a Palestinian resident of Lebanon, but police declined to identify the man's nationality.

Det. Supt. Alex Edwards of Scotland Yard, who led the police operation, said the gunman drank heavily during the siege and that his behaviour seemed to confirm reports by hostages that he "was on drugs."

Police said he became increasingly irrational as the siege continued, at one point threatening to kill a hostage every five minutes.

Television footage after the surrender showed two large holes in the club ceiling above the dance floor and the bar — apparently caused by shotgun blasts. Chairs and tables were strewn throughout the club.

Several women said they were used as a shield by the gunman as he negotiated with police.



British Member of Parliament, Ian Gow, was killed by a car bomb at his home in southern England yesterday. Gow was a fierce critic of the Irish Republican Army lighting British rule in Northern Ireland. (Reuter wirephoto)

Police blame IRA Bomb kills UK MP

HANNAH, England, July 30. (Reuter): British politician Ian Gow, an outspoken critic of the Irish Republican Army (IRA), was killed in his driveway of his home on Monday by a bomb planted in his car.

The commander of Britain's anti-terrorist squad, George Churchill-Coleman, said he believed IRA guerrillas set the bomb.

A former top aide to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, Gow quit her Conservative government in November 1985 in protest at the Anglo-Irish agreement which allowed Dublin a voice in Northern Ireland affairs, but remained a Member of Parliament.

Police threw a 200-metre (yards) cordon around Gow's car, which was parked outside his home in this peaceful southeastern English village, close to the Eastbourne district he had represented in the House of Commons since 1974.

Asked by reporters at the scene if the IRA, which is fighting to end British rule in Northern Ireland, was responsible for the attack, Churchill-Coleman replied: "Yes. It's another typical IRA device."

He said an IRA unit appeared to have been in the area prior to the blast and appealed for witnesses to come forward.

"They have been here previously to carry out some kind of reconnaissance," Churchill-Coleman told a news conference.

He said Gow had been killed by a large bomb, weighing two kilos, placed beneath the car chassis on the driver's side.

Six hours after the explosion, no group had claimed responsibility for planting the bomb.

The IRA has recently stepped up a wave of attacks on military and civilian targets in mainland Britain.

Thatcher said Gow's death was a "grievous loss" to British politics. Visibly shaken as she spoke to

reporters outside her Downing Street office, she vowed that Britain would not yield to terrorist pressure.

Gow's staunch advocacy of continued union between Britain and Northern Ireland had made him a prime target for the IRA.

Only last week, he appeared on television to condemn the killing of a Roman Catholic nun and three police officers by a landmine in Northern Ireland and said the IRA should be warned that "they will never, never win."

"We are never going to surrender to men who can carry out this type of murder," he said.

Gow was the fourth sitting MP to be killed by Irish Republican guerrillas since March 1979, when the Conservative Party's spokesman on Northern Ireland, Airey Neave — also a top Thatcher aide — was blown up in his car as he drove out of a House of Commons car park.

Balding and bespectacled, Gow was one of the British Parliament's best-known figures and always one of the first to deplore the use of violence in pursuit of political goals.

Churchill-Coleman said Gow's name had been on a hit-list found at an apartment in south London used by the IRA in 1988. Police found a huge arms cache in the apartment while they were investigating a nearby shooting.

Wreckage from Gow's car was spread across the road from his home. One of the first on the scene, Engineer Mark Stewart, 22, said: "It was a terrible mess. The car... was in bits all over the place."

A police spokesman said Gow, 53, was still alive when emergency services reached the scene at 8.39 am but died shortly afterwards.

Police threw a 200-metre (yards) cordon around the house while bomb experts with sniffer dogs combed the area for clues.

Interpol expands East bloc plans to sign up

LYON, France, July 30. (AP): The end of the cold war may help the international criminal police organisation better known as Interpol, live up to its name.

Interpol, the largest international police agency with 150 member nations, probably will grant membership this year to the Soviet Union and Poland, and possibly to Czechoslovakia.

The global police agency is entering a new era as politicians urge closer international co-operation among drug trafficking and other cross-border crimes, Gen. Raymond Kendall, the agency's director, said in an interview.

"What you're looking for in Europe today is a common denominator," Kendall said. "Clearly, the only common denominator that exists, in police work anyway, is Interpol."

After 34 years, Interpol remains widely misunderstood. It does not conduct investigations but serves as a clearinghouse of information about criminals and crimes, including drug trafficking, terrorism, art theft and smuggling.

Soviet membership, expected to be approved at Interpol's general assembly in Ottawa this September, should give outsiders hard information about drug routes stretching from Soviet territory into Western Europe, Kendall said.

Kendall is a former Scotland Yard chief deputy superintendent. He oversaw Interpol's move into a new headquarters in Lyon and now is selling the agency as a leading element in the fight against international crime.

Interpol evolved from the International Criminal Police Commission started by the Vienna police department in 1923 to gather and distribute information on cross-border crime.

The Nazis dissolved the commission in World War II, but it was revived informally in Paris in 1946.

and renamed a decade later. The spy-like designation Interpol, a telegraph address code, inspired some thriller writers to portray a network of gadget-equipped agents hunting criminals.

Interpol's reality is more mundane. Its employees are armed with computers and fax machines, not silenced pistols or belt-buckle cameras.

"We are not James Bond's secret service," said Miguel Chamorro of Spain, Interpol's executive secretary and second-in-command. "We only collect information, analyse it and pass it on."

No international convention sets guidelines for Interpol, which governments belong to through their police agencies.

Critics say this allows no outside oversight.

"Interpol isn't accountable to anyone except themselves," said Jerry Arenberg, executive director of the National Association of Police Chiefs in the United States.

Commissioner Burg van Baale of the Utrecht police in the Netherlands, on the other hand, feels more oversight by governments could turn policemen into politicians.

In defence of Interpol, he said: "Where else can you get the United States, Libya and Iran into one organisation to work on common goals."

Van Baale says it's up to individual police agencies to independently verify information they receive from Interpol.

From the beginning, the organisation has traded in mugshots, fingerprints and criminal files. In the lower-tech 1950s and 1960s, the tools were clunky personal contacts, telephones and telexes.

Interpol responded slowly to technological change and the new breed of international crimes like terrorism and drug trafficking in the 1970s and 1980s.

Armenian lawmakers defying Gorbachev

Protesters block trains in Georgia

MOSCOW, July 30. (AP): Armenian lawmakers have voted to defy President Mikhail Gorbachev's decree that armed groups must turn in their weapons and disband, a local activist said yesterday.

Lawmakers yesterday gave preliminary approval to a resolution that would suspend Gorbachev's decree on Armenian territory, as well as in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh, according to a spokesman for the Armenian National Movement.

The measure will be discussed further at the parliament's session today, said the spokesman in a telephone interview from Armenia's

capital of Yerevan. The spokesman, who declined to give his name, said the lawmakers believe the presidential decree contradicts the Armenian constitution.

Gorbachev issued a decree Wednesday giving illegally armed militants across the country 15 days to turn in their weapons or risk having them confiscated by local police, officials of the republics or Interior Ministry troops.

Soviet Interior Minister Vadim Bakatin said Friday that if armed groups disobey the order, military force will be used. He referred specifically to armed troops in Armenia.



A Soviet soldier stands guard at a border post at the Nakchivan border southern Armenia July 27. (Reuter wirephoto)

'Help me lead Poland to democracy'

WARSAW, July 30. (AP): Lech Walesa rejected calls from intellectuals yesterday to dissolve his National Citizens Committee and urged the panel to help him lead Poland to democracy.

Walesa addressed a meeting of the committee, which since 1988 had functioned as Solidarity's political arm. It was the first meeting of the committee since many of Walesa's longest-serving advisers broke ranks with him over his dispute with Solidarity Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki.

Even in its reduced state, Walesa's committee was "indispensable for Poland" — which faces such big reforms and such great dangers.

Responding to recently circulated accusations that Walesa's new supporters include anti-Semitic elements, the committee passed a resolution condemning all manifestations of anti-Semitism.

The protest began Thursday to press demands that the Georgian parliament convene immediately to adopt a law to register groups for the Oct. 28 elections. Parliament is not scheduled to meet until Aug. 17.

"The situation remains unchanged, the trains are held up, there is no traffic," Davidov told Soviet television news.

He said 200 freight trains and a dozen passenger trains were stalled, adding that 2,000 of the 30,000 passengers caught in the blockade were still aboard the trains.

■ The Soviet defence network would remain in place in the Baltic even if the three Baltic republics seceded from the Soviet Union, the region's naval commander-in-chief was quoted on Sunday as saying.

Tass news agency said Vitaly Ivanov, commander of the Baltic fleet, told a news conference on Saturday that the security network in the Baltic would not be destroyed, whatever the political circumstances.

Bonn, Berlin officials meet

German talks on polls, unity

EAST BERLIN, July 30. (Reuter): East and West Germany today began discussing the procedure for pan-German elections and a treaty on the terms for unification.

Bonn Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble and Guenther Krause, a senior East German state secretary, met at East Berlin's cabinet office to prepare for formal negotiations starting on Wednesday.

"It is important to find an electoral system that allows a major part of the (East German) population to be represented in parliament and provides legal peace and legal security," Krause told reporters.

He said a consensus was building around a system that would retain Bonn's five per cent threshold for parliamentary seats but allow smaller parties to enter the legislature by forming alliances with the main blocs.

"It is certainly more democratic to allow smaller lists to be represented in parliament at least for a transition period," he said.

The four partners left in East Germany's ruling coalition were to meet later today to iron out differences over the timing of unification and the mechanics of holding the first all-German elections in half a century on December 2.

Last week the Liberals quit Christian Democratic Prime Minister Lothar de Maiziere's administration in a row over fast-ditch political manoeuvring in



Laotians wait on the banks of the Mekong river.

Laos slowly moves towards development

Officials admit much needs to be done; watchwords are 'step by step'

VIENTIANE, Laos, July 30, (AP): While other Asian nations work around the clock in quest of prosperity, residents of Vientiane still take midday siestas and jealousy guard their weekends.

Vientiane, never the briskest of capitals, virtually came to a halt after the communists took over in 1975.

Although people who live here say things have picked up in recent years, despite appearances. Children play in the dry fountain of a central plaza, and tethered goats munch the tall grass. Nearby, chickens and turkeys peck in the muddy compounds of

government ministries.

Japanese vehicles are replacing old Soviet and French models, but traffic remains sparse. Offices close for lunch from 11.30 until 2 pm, and weekends are reserved for family and friends.

Since 1986, the government has pursued Western-style reforms in one of the world's poorest economies, relaxing rigid policies that caused businessmen and tens of thousands of other Laotians to flee the country.

Political reform is nowhere in sight, however, and diplomats note that relations

between Laos and China, its huge, hardline northern neighbour, have become especially cordial.

The Chinese merchant class is re-emerging in Vientiane, and new small enterprises have sprouted. But there is none of the urgency seen in such other Southeast Asian countries as booming Thailand, just across the Mekong River.

"Asia's full of dynamism, but that's not Laos," said a Western development expert, speaking anonymously. "I think that, in the long term, it will remain a unique case, more like an African country than an Asian one."

Officials acknowledge much needs to be done to develop the country, but their watchwords are "step by step."

No significant manufacturing base has been created, despite 15 years of aid from Moscow and Eastern Europe, and help more recently from Japan, Sweden, Australia and other Western countries. The annual per capita income is less than \$170.

Officials blame the malaise on the incentive-numbing central planning of the past and on inefficient use of aid from communists allies.

One programme sent 50 Laotians to the Soviet Union to become railroad engineers, a Western diplomat said. Laos has no railroad.

Trade is hampered by lack of direct access to the sea and by derelict road and telephone systems. The nation's 4 million people are spread over an area the size of Britain, and most educated Laotians have fled.

Infant mortality is among the world's highest, 200 per 1,000 births in some areas. Vannaret Rajaprop, vice minister of health, said it "is a very important problem for us. We need the labour and manpower for development."

Among the country's assets are rich supplies of timber and minerals.

Analysts say the unspoiled countryside and tropical climate provide great potential for tourism, but the government shows no enthusiasm for foreigners. It is eliminating the drug culture and prostitution that attracted Western "hippies" before 1975, and now limits the number of visitors.

Vientiane has few hotels. In Phone Savane, a town on the legendary Plain of Jars, the only hotel is made of moldering plywood.

When an aging Soviet Antonov aircraft crashed on landing late in 1989, Laos was left with only five domestic passenger planes. Officials say they haven't enough money to replace the Antonov.

In hopes of obtaining foreign cash to fill some of the gaps, the National Assembly recently passed laws intended to increase investor confidence.

Villagers rebuild on Ho trail

Two decades after war

'Bombees' still maim in Laos

PLAIN OF JARS, Laos, July 30, (AP): Children found two metal spheres the size of tennis balls and were playing with them when the toys exploded, killing a 7-year-old boy and seriously wounding another child.

That was in April, in Ban Na Dee village. Nearly two decades after the air war ended, small anti-personnel bombs dropped on Laos by American planes kill and maim dozens of people a year.

The Plain of Jars, a remote region of central Laos named for the hundreds of ancient burial urns spread over its undulating hills, was one of the most heavily bombed areas of Indochina between 1964 and 1973.

American planes rained "bombees," as the Laotians call the anti-personnel bomblets, and thousands of tonnes of conventional bombs on areas under the control of Lao communist guerrillas.

The small round bombs, designed to kill or disable people, explode and spew ball bearings, tiny darts or slivers of metal or plastic. Many that did not go off lie hidden in rice paddies and long grass throughout the Plain of Jars.

Xiang Khouang province officials said 19 people had been killed and 39 wounded by the bomblets in 1990. Boua Van, a provincial administrator, said more than 1,000 people had been killed in Xiang Khouang since the bombing ended in 1973, two-thirds of them children.

Western aid workers say villagers are afraid to farm in many parts of the province.

"The villagers are subsistence farmers who have to go out and dig for their living," a Laotian official said, on condition of anonymity.

"When they go out to plow their fields or dig latrines, they risk uncovering a bombe. In some cases the decision where to dig an irrigation ditch depends on whether there are bombees around."

Some of the war's leftovers have been welcome. Scrap merchants say they will be in business for years with the debris littering the Plain of Jars.

Kham Meuang said he sells tonnes of bomb scraps and aluminium from downed US aircraft to buyers in Thailand and Vietnam.

Bomb bearings from "bombees" can be used to repair bicycles, he said, and aircraft aluminium brings a profit of \$1 a kilogramme (2.2 pounds) when sold to Thai buyers.

"It's best quality, better than the stuff they can get over there," the merchant said.

Aluminium scrap of lesser quality is made into the spoons found in noodle stalls. Livestock wear bells crafted from bomb parts.

Under-wing fuel tanks from jet fighters have become elegant canoes in Savannakhet province.

Hmong Hill people make traditional-style jewellery from aircraft aluminium, which they say is lighter, more plentiful and cheaper than silver.

Villagers say large unexploded bombs are relatively easy to avoid or defuse, but that some of the bomblets have no external fuse mechanisms and may explode without warning.

were next in line, then that was it.

Each B-52 dropped 30 tons of bombs in "boxes" half a mile wide (about a kilometre) and two miles (three kilometres) long, going out permanent craters.

"When they bombed like that,



Polyukhovich serious

War criminal in serious condition

ADELAIDE, Australia, July 30, (UPI): A man due in court today to stand trial for the slayings of 24 people in the Ukraine during World War II was in serious condition after being shot in the chest by an unknown assailant.

Police are treating the case as attempted murder, a spokesman said.

A 24-hour police guard has been placed on Ivan Polyukhovich, 74, who was in intensive care after undergoing emergency surgery yesterday to remove a bullet from his chest.

Polyukhovich was the first man to be charged under Australian war crimes legislation and was due to face a committal hearing today in Adelaide's magistrate's court.

Polyukhovich was charged in January with killing 24 people and with being knowingly concerned with the deaths of 850 others in the Ukraine during World War II.

No new date for the trial was set.



Polyukhovich serious

2 more pulled alive from ruins

14 days after Manila quake

MANILA, Philippines, July 30, (AP): A 27-year-old cook and fitness instructor was pulled today from the ruins of a hotel that collapsed 14 days ago in an earthquake. He is among the longest survivors of a quake on record.

Pedrito Dy was rescued about 3:45 am (1945 GMT) from the wreckage of the Hyatt Hotel in Baguio, a mountain resort 130 miles (210 km) to the north. He was the third person found alive at the Hyatt since Friday, when a man and a woman were rescued.

Dy was flown to Manila, where doctors said he was suffering from dehydration and low blood sugar. Dr. Raul Morena said Dy survived because he was athletic and suffered no serious injuries in the July 16 quake.

"I drank my urine, sometimes drops of rainwater," Dy said when he arrived in Manila.

"I caught water with my mouth and scooped urine with the palm of my hand. For 13 days, I was telling myself I would die. And then I cried for help."

Emotion

Dy, whose eyes appeared glazed and whose face showed little emotion, said he became so despondent that he tried to commit suicide by banging his head against the debris.

In a voice barely audible, Dy said: "I prayed constantly to the Virgin Mary and gave my life up to the Lord. Then I wasn't scared anymore."

Morena said Dy was disoriented because of low blood sugar but that he was responding to treatment. He was examined at Manila's Makati Medical Centre.

Manila truce To free hostages

BACOLOD, Philippines, July 30, (AP): The military agreed today to demands by communist rebels for a three-day ceasefire to free a US Peace Corps volunteer and a Japanese aid worker held on the central island of Negros.

Officials said the two, Timothy Swanson, 26, and Fumio Mizuno, 36, were expected to be freed separately on Thursday.

In Manila, US embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said Swanson would probably be flown to the capital after his release and later sent to the United States.

The Rev. Antoni Fortich, retired Roman Catholic Bishop of Negros Island, said the rebels asked for the truce in seven communities on Negros between Wednesday and Friday.

Brig. Gen. Raymundo Jarque, military commander of Negros, said he agreed to a temporary "cessation of hostilities" and that troops would not interfere with the release.

Fortich told reporters the two were in good condition and that Mizuno, an official of the Organisation of Industrial, Spiritual and Cultural Advancement, was spending time playing basketball with his captors.

Fortich said the letter also contained demands. He refused to elaborate but said they did not include ransom.



An election official (left) holds a portable ballot box as an elderly Mongolian living in a yurt casts his ballot July 29. (Reuter wirephoto)

Step toward democracy

Mongolian polls

ULAN BATOR, July 30, (AP):

Communist Party chairman Gombojavyn Ochirbat and the leaders of several new opposition parties that were born last winter out of popular demonstrations against decades of authoritarian rule. All parties agree on the need for greater freedom and market-style economic reform, but they differ on the pace and boldness those changes should take.

"There will be quite enough supporters of democratic change" in the new legislature to have an impact, said Sonomsuren Mendsaikhan, secretary of the opposition Social Democratic Party. "We cannot say Mongolia is now democratic, but it has taken the first step toward democracy."

The total number of seats won by each party was not available today. The National Election Commission said it had not received reports from all districts, and that it did not expect to announce complete results until Wednesday.

Balots from yesterday's election, which added Mongolia to the ranks of Soviet-bloc countries embracing democracy, were being counted by hand.

Polling places are telephoning vote totals to the commission in Ulan Bator, but the count is not considered official until written figures are delivered. More than 90 per cent of Mongolia's approximately 1 million eligible voters took part despite heavy rains that washed out roads in

some parts of the country.

The communists, in power since 1921, are being challenged by five new opposition parties that were born last winter out of popular demonstrations against decades of authoritarian rule. All parties agree on the need for greater freedom and market-style economic reform, but they differ on the pace and boldness those changes should take.

The communists were guaranteed control of the national legislature, the 430-seat Great People's Hural, because the new parties could not nominate candidates for all the seats in time.

However, the opposition hoped to win a majority in the 53-seat Hural, which will meet between the great Hural's annual sessions.

The National Election Commission issued no results for great Hural races, but opposition parties released the totals for constituencies where they had candidates.

The Party of National Progress, which had candidates for 18 seats, said they won at least seven.

They lost in a key race, against

Communist Party chairman Ochirbat. They reported Ochirbat won 51.3 per cent of the vote,

47.8 per cent for their candidate, a 29-year-old lawyer named Ganbold.

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The winner will receive round-trip flight and 10 days stay at Krabok, a Buddhist detoxification clinic in Thailand.

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income.

Aussie mag starts drug addict contest

SYDNEY, July 30, (AP): A national publication is launching a contest this week for drug addicts and offering the winner a trip to Thailand.

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Bougainville essential services to be restored

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea, July 30, (AP): Foreign Minister Michael Somare pledged today that essential services will be restored to the separatist island of Bougainville.

The assurance came during the second day of peace talks with leaders of the rebellious province.

Somare, who is leading the government delegation, also asked for time to study a package of demands made by the Bougainville delegation that include the end of a trade embargo, re-establishment of telecommunications and banking services, and release of "prisoners of war."

The island also wants the Australian mining company CRA to pay \$10 billion in compensation for environmental damage caused

by the huge copper mine on Bougainville.

Disputes over proceeds from the mine led

to a landowners' revolution that began 20 months ago and escalated into a secessionist campaign. An estimated 100 people have been killed.

The mine has been closed, cutting off the national government's major source of

Faithful gather in front of Faisal Mosque to make their devotions

Ghost of Zia-ul-Haq haunts Pakistani politics

ISLAMABAD, July 30, (Reuters): Every day, in the stifling heat of the Pakistani summer, small numbers of the faithful gather in front of the Faisal Mosque in Islamabad to make their devotions.

The prayers and benedictions are not directed at Allah. They are for General Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, the military ruler who dominated Pakistan for 11 years before he died in a mysterious plane crash in August, 1988.

Zia's death set off the popular groundswell that brought Benazir Bhutto, the first female prime minister in the Islamic world, to power.

But almost two years after his death, the steely-eyed general, and the military power he represented, continue to cast a long shadow over Pakistan's troubled young democracy.

Thailand raps US shift on Cambodia

BANGKOK, July 30, (UPI): The Thai military today said the US shift in policy toward Cambodia will drive the brutal Khmer Rouge into a corner and accelerate the fighting inside Cambodia.

The United States sees only their own benefits, it's not a proper action," said Lt Gen Naruedol Depradiyuth, spokesman for the supreme command.

Naruedol said the recent US shift in policy, announcing that it favoured withdrawing recognition of the Cambodian resistance at the UN, will accelerate the fighting between the Vietnamese-installed government of Prime Minister Hun Sen and the tripartite guerrillas based in Thailand.

The Thai military, faced with the battle-hardened Vietnamese Army of over a million men on Thailand's border with Cambodia in 1979, was eager to allow the Khmer Rouge to organize a guerrilla force as a buffer between Thailand and Vietnamese forces. Thailand's principal objective in the past decade has been to keep the Indochinese warfare from spilling over into its territory and to limit the refugee problem to border camps.

The Thai spokesman said Washington's decision will drive the Khmer Rouge — blamed for the death of more than 1 million civilians during its 1975-1978 rule — to the "dark corner."

"The Khmer Rouge is Khmer. If we don't want them, where can we keep them? Will the United States take them?" Naruedol said. He echoed longstanding Thai fears that a half million Cambodian refugees, many armed and militant, will remain on Thai soil as a future problem for Thais to deal with once Western interest in the region wanes.

He said the three resistance armies have escalated military attacks against the government troops in various areas in northwestern Cambodia while the Khmer Rouge destroyed one government jetfighter at Kompong Thom airport, 75 miles (120 km) north of Phnom Penh.

He said government troops started to use airstrikes to stop the guerrillas in areas northwest of Phnom Penh.

"The situation is so tough that (the Cambodian President) Heng Samrin's troops have to use jetfighters," Naruedol said.

Vietnam invaded Cambodia in late 1978, ousted the Khmer Rouge and installed the Phnom Penh regime.

Cambodian national leader Son Sann today blamed the Phnom Penh government for the postponement of a scheduled meeting in Paris among Cambodian political factions.

Son Sann told a Paris press conference that Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen was responsible for the last minute postponement of the meeting and said the US Congress was "influenced by Vietnamese propaganda."

Singapore, China talk on relations

SINGAPORE, July 30, (Reuters): Chinese officials began talks here today on establishing diplomatic relations with Singapore, Asian diplomats said.

One diplomat said the talks were "preliminary in nature" and a senior Chinese minister was expected to arrive later this year before a formal announcement was made.

The Foreign Affairs Ministry said the Chinese delegation, which arrived on Friday, would leave tomorrow. It declined further comment. The Chinese delegation could not be reached.

Singapore has said it expects to establish relations with China after Indonesia does so. Indonesia and China are scheduled to resume diplomatic links on August 8 after a 23-year break.



A pushcart moves through a flooded street in a Dhaka suburb on Sunday. The widespread flooding has forced many shops to close and residents to move by boats through the capital. (Reuter wirephoto)

Separatists shoot top police officer

Assam minister quits

NEW DELHI, July 30, (AP): The home minister of Assam state resigned following the assassination of a senior police officer by militant separatists, news reports said.

The shooting yesterday came hours after militants of the United Liberation Front of Assam freed the general manager of a state-owned oil company and two other hostages in exchange for three imprisoned comrades.

The events marked an upsurge in violence in the resource-rich eastern state of Assam, where a persistent guerrilla campaign is being waged for independence from India.

Gumur yesterday pumped automatic gunfire into the car of district police superintendent Daulat Singh Negi, killing him, his bodyguard and driver. There was no immediate claim of responsibility, but reports based on police accounts blamed the Ulfa.

Home Minister Bhrigu Phukar, who was in charge of the two-week negotiations to free the hostages, submitted his resignation, taking moral responsibility for Negi's death, the United News of India reported.

The series of events began July 16 when gunmen seized H.K.L. Das, the government-appointed head of the Guwahati refinery, his son Amarrath and his driver Anup Duara.

US 'atomic reunion'

Survivors to dedicate peace monument

SALT LAKE CITY, July 30, (AP): When George Marquardt looks back 45 years, he focuses on a millisecond: the vibration of a steeply banking B-29 and the fireball, always the fireball, rising from Hiroshima.

"It was such a terrific blast. It was like the sun had come out of the ground and just exploded," recalls Marquardt, who was pilot of a plane that accompanied the Enola Gay on Aug. 6, 1945.

More than half a lifetime later, Marquardt and other members of the 509th composite group will gather on the desert west of Salt Lake City to celebrate the peace they believe the atomic bomb brought.

The Aug. 25 dedication of a peace memorial in the town of Wendover, Nevada, is expected to draw more than 200 members of the bomber group.

They will include retired Brig. Gen. Paul W. Tibbets, pilot of the Enola Gay, the B-29 that dropped the A-bomb on Hiroshima. Also expected at the reunion is retired Maj. Gen. Charles "Chuck" Sweeney, who flew the B-29 that dropped the A-bomb on Nagasaki three days after the Hiroshima attack. Nearly 200,000 people died in the bombings, and Japan capitulated five days later, ending World War II.

Among the speakers will be Hideaki Kase, an author and adviser to two Japanese prime ministers. In a telephone interview from Tokyo, Kase said the idea of speaking to his country's former enemies was disconcerting.

"What I know is this: Japan during the war also had a programme to develop a nuclear bomb, and had we succeeded I'm sure we would have used it. We have no ground to complain," Kase said.

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Japan also has monuments commemorating the bombing. Hiroshima collected more than \$2.5 million in public donations last year to preserve the skeletal remains of a

Bhutto.

Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, who founded the Pakistan People's Party (PPP) that his daughter now heads, was tried on charges of instigating a murder and hanged in 1979 after Zia rejected appeals for clemency.

Despised as a despot by many, Zia kept Pakistan firmly in line. Now, amid mounting problems, his sombre figure has become a political touchstone against which an embattled Benazir Bhutto measures her successes and critics tick off her failures.

Benazir was elected because of her long fight against Zia. Without Zia, there would be no Benazir," said a diplomat in Islamabad.

Bhutto, who in her biography described the mustachioed Zia as looking "like an English cartoon villain", frequently invokes the grim spectre of the dead general to

remind the people of Pakistan how far they have come.

Her speeches are peppered with references to Pakistan's suffering under military dictatorship and its "brave struggle" to re-establish democracy.

But critics say the Zia excuse is wearing thin, and charge her with failing to address crises that have exploded since the general's death, including anarchic in Benazir's home province of Sind, increased tensions with India, chaos in Parliament and serious economic problems.

"She has proved her maturity, her lack of sagacity, lack of wisdom, lack of comprehension, lack of vision," opposition legislator Abida Hussain said in a recent speech to Parliament.

"There is a general disillusionment with political parties. It has become simply a war

of words, and people are fed up with it," said Mushahid Hussain, a respected political analyst.

"The army is seen as an arbiter that is beyond party politics ... above the fray," he said. "This could be a dangerous development."

Hints of nostalgia for the days of military rule are tricky for Benazir, whose precarious compromise with army leaders has been most strained in recent months by the outbreak of violence between immigrant Mohajirs and the native inhabitants of Sind.

Benazir, who effectively shares power with two Zia proteges, President Ghulam Ishaq Khan and armed forces chief Mirza Aslam Beg, has been under heavy pressure to give the army greater leeway to enforce order in Sind, a move tantamount to admitting her own inability to maintain the peace.

"She is ruling because the army has decided to let her rule for the time being," said the diplomat. "The army will always have the last say."

A June poll by the Pakistan Institute of Public Opinion revealed that 28 per cent of respondents thought martial law should be re-imposed, against 19 per cent in a poll taken in November, 1989.

The general's image took a beating after the PPP came to power in 1988, but political analysts say it seems to be regaining some of its spit-and-polish shine.

"Zia is an effective symbol, and many in the opposition are starting to hang their reputations on him," said a diplomat.

"I thought Zia was a good man," said 26-year-old taxi driver who said he had no political affiliation. "Under Zia, we knew somebody was running the government."

Protest over rape of nuns

Christian schools and colleges closed in Kerala

NEW DELHI, July 30, (Reuters): Christians, long among the most peaceful of India's religious groups, have risen in anger over the rape of two nuns in a northern convent.

The July 13 rapes have provoked protests from both Catholic and Protestant leaders.

Political analysts said today this was the first issue to arouse the Christian community since its anger in 1979 over an abortive attempt to pass a law preventing religious conversions.

They said the anger was partially over fears of rising fundamentalism

LTTE rebels warn students

COLOMBO, July 30, (Kuma): The Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas in Sri Lanka have warned the 23,000 candidates in the north and the east of the island, who are scheduled to sit the general certificate of education (advanced level) examination, to commence on August 10, they would be treated as traitors if they sit the examination, according to political sources based in the northern and the eastern provinces.

While 16,000 students have applied to sit the examination in the northern province, 7,000 have applied in the eastern province.

Schools in these provinces have remained closed since June 11, due to LTTE activities and most of the schools in these areas have been occupied by the LTTE fighters.

According to the commissioner of examinations, Arthur Vedamulla, admission cards have been despatched to Kalimai, Ampara and Trincomalee districts in the eastern province.

"We are exploring the possibility of sending admission cards to students in Jaffna, Mannar, Mullaitivu, Kilinochchi and Vavuniya in the northern province and Batticaloa district in the eastern province," Vedamulla said adding that "we may even try to have special centres set up in Colombo and Pionnaruwa in the north-central province to enable students who wish to sit for the examination."

Meanwhile, there were several movements in the northern province yesterday, security reports reaching the Joint Operations Command (JOC) and Colombo said today.

Over 1,000 soldiers were air-lifted to Palaly in the northern province and Anuradhapura in the central province.

■ A Sri Lankan Muslim politician today appealed to all Lankan Muslims to avoid falling into a trap allegedly being laid by Tamil Tiger rebels, to create a communal clash between Muslims and Tamils in northeastern Sri Lanka, where rebels continue to wage a bitter war against Lankan forces.

The anniversaries of the atomic bombings are observed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and each year the names of those who died in the past year due to continuing effects of radiation or other A-bomb injuries are added to the list of those mourned. Japan officially abhors nuclear arms, and there are numerous anti-nuclear groups in the country.

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Tibbets, Sweeney and Marquardt repeatedly have said they feel neither remorse nor regret.

If I ever approach that feeling, I start thinking about the rape of Nanking, and the duplicity of them lying to our president while they were bombing Pearl Harbour," Sweeney said. "I think of all my classmates who were killed."

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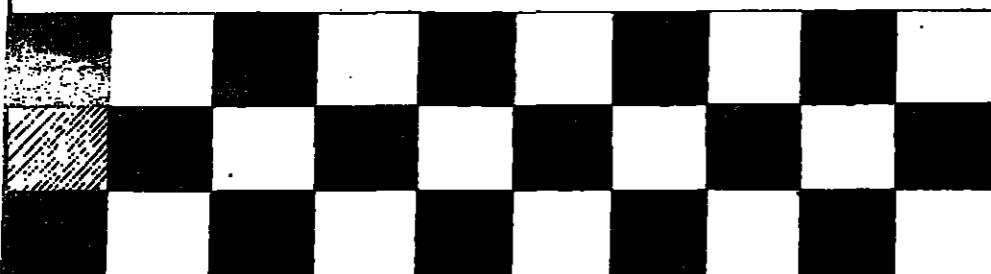
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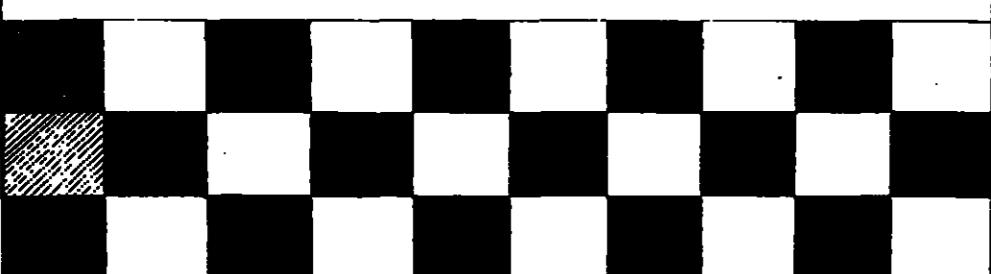
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Preparations begun for new school year

Five new schools in Ahmadi

ADVANCE preparations have begun to meet requirements of the new school year — 1990/91 which will enable the ministry to obviate negative aspects.

Speaking to a local daily, the director of private education, Abdullah Muhamma said that the department is closely follow-

ing up the activities of private institutes through several field visits. It is also renewing licences of private schools which have expired recently.

Efforts

In a related development, the director of

Ahmadi Educational Area, Abdullah Al Loqman was quoted as saying that the new school year will witness the opening of five new schools and authorities are making every effort to ensure that these schools receive all their educational supplies.

All preparations are being co-ordinated

by special committees specially formed to undertake these tasks. Maintenance works and renovations of the schools in the area are also being implemented. The relevant budget to be allocated for teachers, principals and assistant principals is also being reviewed, the official said.



Currency trading fever

Foreign currency trading operation rooms at local banks are characterised by traders always on high alert surrounded invariably with loud-ringing telephones and TV computer monitors.

One of the operators said that the rates of currencies constantly fluctuate, due to political and economic developments in the world. She said that her job required her to follow up all such developments on the politico-economic map in order to help her make careful projections of what is likely to affect the rates of currencies.

Amjad Al Zamel, said it is hard to guarantee the validity of projections which are based on conjectures, as the factors affecting currency rates are hard to predict.

She said that the projections made in the seventies, for instance, were more precise than those made now, as the currency rates were not so affected by political statements, but were mainly responsive to economic indicators which were the major factors influencing currency rates.

Amjad Al Jandal, said that work in the operation room is full of life and suspense, and that it is characterised by lack of monotony, and that this work required agility and cautiousness in concluding purchase or selling transactions.

Hanad Al Ghanim, said that work in the traders operations room, which are fully informed of the developments in the international arena. Therefore, one cannot be able to infer results and to tie the introduction to the conclusion.

He added that projections are made through continued follow-up and analysis of what as they happen on the international and domestic levels. Losses he commented could be either be the result of erroneous analysis, or the end-product of the assassination of an international political figure, or sudden reshuffle in a certain government, or an unexpected swing in the international economic situation or others.

She pointed out that in Kuwait, traders face certain difficulties in obtaining needed information, as trading in the Kuwaiti markets starts at a time when international markets are starting to close down and ends before American markets start to come to life.

Liafa Al Mufad and Mahra Mutwalli, said that there is a tiresome job, which among other things requires them to deliberate with the person in charge before making any vital decision. Every trader is entitled to operate in the market with a set amount of money.

Pictures show traders hard at work

Agricultural authority

Substantial aid to livestock farmers

THE deputy director-general for animal resources at the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Dr Sultan Ahmad Sultan has said that the authority is offering substantial aid to farmers through direct and indirect support of the poultry sector, in the amount of KD 250 annually for the purchase of medical supplies, and vaccines.

He told a local daily that the authority's indirect aid to farmers is in the form of education and publication of educational posters, as well as diagnostic, treatment and prevention services to farms and poultry enterprises.

He said that a great deal of progress has been made on the cattle and sheep raising project in Kabab, and the Waifa sheep and camel rearing project, and all needed utilities for these projects are provided through public tenders.

He pointed out that there is a number of local environmental studies being conducted by the department within the framework of the Genetic Improvement Project which seeks to acclimatise animals to the weather conditions in Kuwait and step up their productivity of meat and dairy products, and at the same time help produce new flocks of high performance and ability to live through the local environmental variables.

He said that the mad cow disease currently rampant in Europe has not come to Kuwait, and no cases have been reported as the country's exits are under tight control and provided with fully-equipped quarantines.

He said that the authority paid KD 2,738,000 to support cow-raisers and provided them with needed vet and prevention services through making available medications and compensating for sustained losses.

Afforestation

Meanwhile, Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources has confirmed that the mid- and long-term greenery and afforestation plan is to be based on comprehensive support provisions as well as a general framework to direct the plan's projects in order to keep in line with the state's plan.

Niqab ladies appeal

A NUMBER of women who wear 'niqab' (face covering) have appealed to the Ministry of the Interior to respond to their proposals in relation to the traffic law.

They suggested that they be permitted to affix a special sign on their cars to indicate that drivers are allowed to wear niqab in the same manner that signs are affixed on cars of the deaf.

They said that they are compelled to wear the face covering due to religious and social values that prevent them from showing their faces to men. Consequently, they said that they are cited for traffic violations and called on officials to accord special concern to their social circumstances as many of them are in need of a car due to transportation problems in Kuwait.

Used car decision to be re-evaluated

THE decision of the Council of Ministers to prohibit the import of cars that are over two years old will be re-evaluated in light of complaints by both individuals and merchants.

Speaking on the issue, the Minister of Commerce and Industry, Naser Al Roudhan explained that individuals on an average import on a total basis 100 cars for their own use and not for trade. Consequently, this figure does not affect the local market.

Meanwhile, the official commenting on the results of meetings of the GCC-EEC committee said that negotiations between GCC states and the European Economic Community are being advanced due to the collective stand of the GCC states. This has lent political support to the GCC states, he said.

In a related development, reliable sources said that negotiations between GCC and EEC are ongoing and commented that some officials of the EEC said that Gulf states should unify customs duties on European exports.

Sources said that Gulf officials believe the problem can be solved by agreeing to suspend customs duties on European exports during the period of negotiations. However, the sources said that the Gulf officials believe that the most serious problem is the European "lobby" related to the European petrochemical industry that rejects any agreement of free commerce with the GCC states.

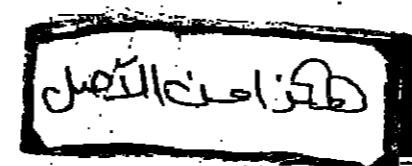
The EEC imported from GCC member states about 8,621 million Euro-monetary units in 1988 and 12,828 million units were exported to GCC states during the same period, sources said.

Committee to regulate use of chemicals

THE Minister of Health Dr Abdul Wahab Al Fawzan has formed a co-ordinating committee to regulate the use of chemical substances, under the chairmanship of the secretary of the Environmental Protection Council Ibrahim Mohammad Hadi.

The committee consists of representatives from the ministries of interior, oil, health, communications, Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research, Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources, Kuwait Fire Department, Kuwait Municipality and others.

The committee will lay down import regulations for chemicals, establish packaging and destruction constraints of expired items or chemical wastes.



Rumeithiya cleanliness needs attention: mayor

Complaint against contractor

KUWAIT MUNICIPALITY needs to focus attention to the needs of Rumeithiya, given the poor cleanliness services extended in the area, Mohammed Al Banouh was quoted by a local daily as saying.

He said that the tender for cleanliness services was awarded to the lowest bidder who was unqualified to undertake the work and the number of workers required was far below than as stipulated in the contract.

Explaining the weakness of the contrac-

tor, the official said that the same contractor is involved in undertaking cleaning contracts at six areas including Salwa, Maidan Hawalli, Al Salmiya, Bayan and Mishref.

Garbage remains uncollected for two days resulting in foul odour.

The official recommended that the contractor provide a garbage container for each house in the area with the house number clearly indicated on each container. In this respect, he said that fines

should be imposed on families who do not make use of the cleanliness facilities and violate the law.

He also criticised those who leave their scrap cars in public places. The spread of "scores of scrapped cars" all over Kuwait is uncivilised, he said.

Meanwhile, the daily interviewed the controller of Kuwait Municipality at the second area who confirmed that the cleaning contract in the area will be awarded to another contractor as of October, 1990.

Ali Al Houi, the controller said that the old contract had expired. He said that citizens will witness positive developments in the sphere of cleaning due to the new stipulations of the tender.

He pointed out that three cleaning companies have been contracted with to undertake these services at Rumeithiya, Salwa, Mishref, Bayan, Maidan Hawalli and Salma areas. The official called upon citizens to place their garbage in bins at specific times.

Kuwait

(Continued from Page 1)

He denied that Kuwait was extracting oil beyond its territory, and stressed: "Kuwait produces only from its territory, and if there is any misunderstanding, this should be resolved through the formation of a joint panel to discuss the issue."

As to whether Kuwait had made a "big compromise," the minister maintained, "there is no doubt, by Kuwait not asking for an increase in quota, it made a compromise. Other states made compromises also," he added.

Responding to a question on whether he had new plans as he was just newly appointed, Al Ameeri indicated that as yet, not enough time had gone by since his appointment to allow for a thorough evaluation.

Commenting on price tendencies in the future, the Kuwaiti oil minister said that it was difficult to foresee just yet how price will behave, but he hoped, if quotas were respected, that oil prices would increase and reach the reference price of \$32.

The National Council's External Relations Committee held a meeting here today in presence of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad and the council's acting Speaker Rashid Awad.

The meeting was called for by Sheikh Sabah who briefed the committee on the latest developments regarding the situation between Kuwait and Iraq.

The United States Ambassador in Syria, Edward Djerejian hoped that Kuwait and Iraq would reach a peaceful settlement of their dispute. Addressing a press conference, the American envoy repeated US commitment to protect its vital interests in the Arabian Gulf and said Washington served for a peaceful end to current tensions in the Gulf.

Urgent all concerned parties and the Gulf states to take necessary measures to maintain peace in the region, Djerejian praised Arab diplomatic efforts as positive and hoped a peaceful settlement acceptable to both sides will be achieved.

Arab League chief Chadi Klibi has said the reconciliatory talks in Jeddah tomorrow between Kuwait and Iraq herald a good start for negotiations between the two sides and have been the fruit of a concerted Arab mediation effort.

Klibi, talking to Kuna in Cairo last night as he arrived to take part in the meeting of the Islamic countries' foreign ministers which opens tomorrow, added that both Iraq and Kuwait had demonstrated keen interest in solving the crisis under the Arab League umbrella.

The League's chief paid tribute to King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz of Saudi Arabia and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for their diplomatic efforts that made the Jeddah talks possible.

Klibi said the League did its own share of mediation and he expressed belief that both Kuwait and Iraq have confidence in the pan-Arab body.

He also pointed out that Kuwait had acted promptly to defuse the crisis with Iraq and he cited fighting trips to five Arab Gulf countries by Kuwait's Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah who briefed the region's leaders on the situation in Jeddah tomorrow.

The official expressed his country's hope that the meeting between Sheikh Saad and the Iraqi Vice-President Izzat Ibrahim would contribute to reaching a satisfactory settlement of differences existing between the two brotherly countries.

In a statement to Kuna, the official denied Egypt was aware of the meeting agenda and affirmed that his country is still playing a mediating role between Iraq and Kuwait in order to resolve the dispute. The mediation efforts that were begun by President Mubarak resulted in cessation of media campaigns.

On Egypt's role in solving the dispute between the United Arab Emirates and Iraq, the Egyptian official said that the UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahyan will be holding talks with President Mubarak on this issue during his official visit to Cairo that begins tomorrow.

Weather

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Sunrise: 5.07 am

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Maximum temperature recorded:

Kuwait: 45°C 113°F

Ahmadi: 42°C 108°F

Fulakia: 44°C 111°F

Maximum temperature expected:

Kuwait: 46°C 115°F

Ahmadi: 43°C 109°F

Fulakia: 44°C 111°F

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Ahmadi: 35°C 95°F

Fulakia: 33°C 91°F

Maximum humidity recorded:

Kuwait: 13 percent

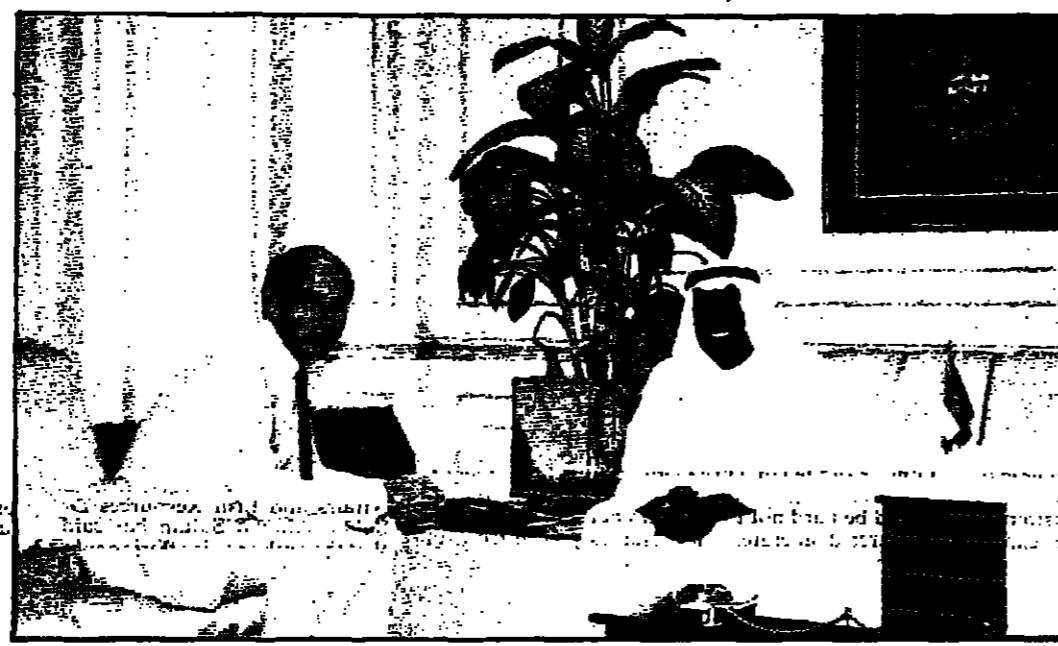
Ahmadi: 42 percent

Fulakia: 30 percent



Ghunaim receives envoys

The Education Minister Dr Abdulla Yousef Al Ghunaim received in his office recently Ambassadors of Bahrain, Essa Al Jamea, UAE, Ubaid Al Zubari; Qatar, Ahmed Al Rumaihi and the UK, Michael Weston. They discussed educational and cultural co-operation between Kuwait and their countries. Pictures above and below show the minister with the envoys.



From the courts

Two get 10 years RI for kidnap and assault

THE Criminal Court sentenced two persons to ten years rigorous imprisonment on charges of kidnapping and assaulting a boy. The court heard that one of the defendants was a friend of the boy and offered to take him in his car with another friend to spend time in the house of an Arab family. The boy agreed to go with them. But the defendant entered a dark place in the desert near the airport and tried to assault him. The boy resisted so he was beaten on the shoulder and eye with a sharp instrument.

The defendants then assaulted him and threatened to dishonour him among his friends if he notified the police. The CID officer testified that he faced the defendants with the charge and they confessed. The officer referred the boy to the hospital for injuries sustained. He also testified that the boy's shirt was torn when he resisted.

Sentencing withheld for selling stolen goods: The Court of First Instance refrained from passing sentence on a man accused of stealing and selling electrical fuses belonging to the Ministry of Electricity and Water.

Police have indicated that it is youths who take these cars for joy-rides and said that investigations are under progress.

Pharmacist arrested for selling narcotics: Detectives of the Criminal Investigation Department arrested a pharmacist in a private pharmacy in Hawalli for selling Arisan pills which are classified as narcotic pills.

These pills are sold only on prescriptions stamped by the Health Ministry at a price of KD1,600 for 100 pills. However, the accused sold them without prescriptions for KD40.

Man acquitted for escaping imprisonment: The Criminal Court acquitted one M. from the charge of escaping out of the country after being sentenced in a crime to three years imprisonment. The defendant was brought before the court with a passport employee at Abdali border centre who was accused of helping the defendant to escape out of the country. The defendant denied the charge against him and claimed he left the country but did not know the sentence against him that was issued on charge of issuing a dead cheque. He added he returned home only after four days of leaving country.

Four acquitted of causing death: The Court of First Instance acquitted four workers on charges of causing the accidental death of their colleague at a sulphur factory by not abiding by safety regulations.

The defendants and the victim were working without donning oxygen masks while working with poisonous gases. The victim, however, lost consciousness and fell from a height which caused instant death.

The defendants claimed that they too had lost consciousness and were unaware of their colleague's mishap.

Drugs successfully apprehended: Customs inspectors successfully apprehended a total of 27 pieces of hashish and marijuana, three bags of assorted narcotics, a piece of opium, 14 pieces of heroin, 129,371 narcotic tablets, 18,138 bottles of alcohol, some ammunition and arrested 23 infiltrators.

Giving these figures, director of the Censorship and Inspection Department at the General Customs Department, Abdul Rahman Mohammed Al Fares said that customs officers are vigilant and have acquired sophisticated expertise in the detection of contraband. A total of 14 custom violations were

issued by the department during the current year, the official said.

Narcotics trader caught: CID men at Hawalli Governorate arrested a Jordanian national Riyad M. on the charge of trading in narcotic pills. He was caught red handed and referred to investigation authorities.

On the other hand, the coast guards arrested 18 Iranian infiltrators during their attempt to enter into the country illegally using two boats. They were referred to the investigation authorities.

Joy-ride cars: Several people in the Khetian Area have reported to the local police station that their cars were stolen from their respective parkings in front of their houses. A Yemeni national who also reported his car as stolen, later found it abandoned some distance from his house.

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8 arrested for possession of narcotics: CID men at Capital Governorate arrested five Pakistani nationals: Mohammed S., Erfan S., Sayed M., Mohammed A., and Minawer H., and three Bangladeshi nationals Shahida B., Sheikh A., and Abdul Mannan A. for possessing and taking narcotics. The first defendant was caught by CID men with 52 pieces of hashish in his car. He confessed he got the hashish from Sheikh who also confessed he got the contraband from Abdul Mannan. Other defendants were arrested along with the first defendant. All have been referred to the investigations authorities.

Kuwaiti oil policy stable: Ameeri

KUWAIT Oil Minister Dr Rashed Salem Al Ameeri has described Kuwait's oil policy as stable, and that it never changes in response to cabinet reshuffles; as it is part and parcel of the national policy of the country.

He called in a statement to the London-based Al Majellet magazine, for its July 31 edition, for the formation of a technical apparatus within Opec to be entrusted with the follow-up of programmes on the development of substitute energy resources, and related technologies.

He said that the policy line pursued by the government of Kuwait over the past 12 years has been successful and resulted in many accomplishments at the local and external levels.

He stressed the need for evaluating previous investment attempts in order to determine the direction to be followed to guarantee and serve the best interest of Kuwait.

He said that the attempt to purchase new oil refineries, and fuel distribution stations in West Europe has been one of the successful projects undertaken by the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation, which was studied and implemented under directives from Sheikh Khalifa, which has given Kuwait greater flexibility and better chances to supply consumers with oil from the field directly.

Marketing: He said that to transfer this attempt to some countries in Asia is still under study and discussion, and that no final decision has been taken in this respect yet, as the Kuwait Petroleum Corporation's marketing team and the International Oil Company are still jointly preparing extensive studies on marketing to Asian markets and potential capacity as well as the type and volume of market requirements.

As a result of Kuwait's commitment to its oil production quota, Kuwait might be obliged to buy oil from abroad in as much as needed for its Europe refineries, Ameeri said.

He pointed out that this happened on a number of occasions and Kuwait actually purchased oil from Egypt, Algiers and Nigeria.

He expressed belief that the current role of Opec needs further expansion and that a special team must be set up to follow up studies on finding substitute energy resources and related programmes.

Similar teams must be formed with economic and scientific tasks, in order to study the alternatives rivaling with oil production cost and versatility.

Police have indicated that it is youths who take these cars for joy-rides and said that investigations are under progress.

Arab food and water security discussed

AMMAN, July 30. (Kuna): Chairman of the Kuwaiti Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fish Resources Sheikh Ibrahim Al Duaij met here last night with Jordanian Vice-Prince Hassan Bin Talal.

Sheikh Ibrahim said that during the meeting, which was attended by Jordanian Agriculture Minister Dr Sleiman Araibat, development projects in the Arab world in general and bilateral co-operation in particular were discussed.

He noted that discussion centred on Arab food and water security.

Sheikh Ibrahim affirmed that the Arab world suffers from water shortage, noting that a comprehensive strategy should be drawn up to solve the water crisis.

Regarding bilateral co-operation between Kuwait and Jordan, the Kuwaiti official said there is an agricultural co-operation protocol between the two countries that was concluded in 1988.

Kuwait sees 25 fires in 2 weeks

23 rescue operations

KUWAIT Fire Department has prepared a report on 25 fire outbreaks that were dealt with over the past two weeks. These fires were reported to have been caused either by electrical sparks,

gas leaks from the domestic cylinders, sparks emitted by incense burners, sparks from oxygen welders, electrical short-circuits or power overload.

The report said that 11 cases were dealt with involving fires in chalets, wooden barracks, used as private residence, stores or kitchens, and the reasons include oil spills on the cooker, carelessly thrown cigarette ends and children playing with inflammable material.

The report also mentioned two cases in which fires broke out in two sea boats caused by electrical short-circuit, and another involved a fire outbreak in a tent caused by children playing with matches. Fires breaking out in automobiles numbered 22, caused by electrical short-circuits or petrol leaks.

Traffic accidents: Despite efforts exerted by the General Traffic Department (GTD) media and public charity societies, traffic accidents in Kuwait are extremely high.

An official source said that the government spent KDS million to combat the issue which caused an estimated loss of KD1.250.

The report said that the rescue operations included 23 cases,

nine of which involved the rescue of people trapped in lifts for reasons of overweight, four cases

of rescue of people trapped inside cars involved in road accidents,

four cases of cars stuck in sand in remote areas, 3 cases of children trapped inside closed rooms with lost keys, and one involving a maid with her finger stuck inside a water cooler pipe.

The report put the number of

rescued people at 36, 24 of them

injured, eight sustained by firemen, 32 people rescued safe and sound and four deaths. Two were due to road accidents and one in a fire outbreak.

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Thought for today

BEHIND every argument is someone's ignorance —
Louis Brandeis, US Supreme Court justice (1856-1941).

Children draw strife images

Occupied territories

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): Faceless Israeli soldiers tote rifles. Arab women weep over the dead and a Palestinian flag flutters overhead in a drawing by a six-year-old boy.

These are images drawn by children growing up in the intifada, the 31-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli rule of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"The children always put confrontation in the forefront. Stores, buildings and schools are mere background," said Cairo Arafat, a psychologist who analyses drawings by children in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.



A Palestinian kid

Suffering has changed their values. Children's idols are now masked stone-throwers, not movie stars or famous athletes.

Their drawings reflect the world as a place where stern Israeli soldiers fire at stone-throwers.

Arafat, who works at the East Jerusalem Early Childhood Resource Centre, provided children's drawings for an Israeli Museum exhibition called "Children's Visions of War and Peace."

More than 200 drawings and paintings by children from strife-torn parts of the world — including Israel — were displayed in the children's wing of the museum.

Palestinian children had difficulty imagining a soldier had a family life or a conscience, Arafat said.

"Not knowing the soldiers as people or individuals is what led them to leave them faceless. That's why in drawings the gun is salient, not personal features.

"The children perceive soldiers as killing machines," she said.

Kids

"When we asked the kids what the soldiers did when they went home, they said they cleaned their rifles. The kids never associated family with them."

Though their drawings are filled with symbols of violence, Palestinian children — like those in South Africa, Lebanon and Cambodia — have grown resilient to the conflict around them.

Arafat said that in the early days of the intifada, children trembled, cried and ran to an adult when they heard gunshots.

"Now kids will be playing and hear shooting but not respond. One kid might prick up his ears and ask if tear-gas will come inside but that's it," she said.

A study of Palestinian children soon to be released also indicated they had high self-esteem and normal aspirations for the future despite living in an atmosphere of violence.

"Maybe two per cent said they wanted to be in armed struggle. Most wanted to be tradesmen, teachers, nurses and doctors," Arafat said.

But Raana Nashashibi, another psychologist, said Palestinian children would suffer trauma from the revolt in the long term.

"The intifada has caused a state of perpetual unrest where normal socialising and play are impossible," she said.

In the West Bank town of Ramallah, children aged eight to 13 played Israeli and Arabs. The little Palestinian activists threw pebbles at soldiers who chased them with sticks, shouting in Arabic and Hebrew.

Eyad El Sarraj, a psychiatrist in the Gaza Strip where the uprising erupted in December 1987, said nightmares, bed-wetting and phobia were common in the early days.

A study done shortly after the outbreak showed 28 per cent of Gaza children suffered from a high level of anxiety. Six months later the figure had dropped to 13 per cent, Sarraj said.

At the start, parents tried to keep their children indoors but the momentum of the revolt drew many youngsters into the streets to confront Israeli authority.

"It was then that parents' authority started to erode. The authority of teachers was also affected," Sarraj said.

During school examinations this month, many students stole tests from teachers and cheated or shouted out answers while taking them. Teachers said efforts to stop them were fruitless.

"Before the intifada parents set the example. The children's idols were movie stars. Now their idols are masked activists," said Sarraj.

"Children who probably would never have gone out the door without permission are now calling their parents cowards," he added.

But their participation in the nationalist struggle has sometimes cost them their lives.

B'tselem, an Israeli group that monitors human rights in the occupied territories, said Israeli security forces had killed 157 children in the uprising. Some inadvertently walked into a riot.

Palestinian children who previously had little if any contact with Israelis now regard soldiers and Israelis as one and the same thing.

When a Palestinian journalist took his four-year-old boy to predominantly Jewish West Jerusalem for the first time, he asked: "If they're Israelis, why aren't they carrying guns?"

TODAY IN HISTORY

1602 — Marshal Biron of France is executed for treason.
1658 — Aurangzeb is proclaimed Mogul Emperor in India.

1789 — Austrian and Russian troops under Francis Duke of Coburg and Count Alexander Suvorov defeat Turks at Focshani in Romania.

1812 — Venezuelan republic falls to Spanish force, and Francisco de Miranda is arrested.

1919 — Germany adopts Weimar constitution.

1926 — Afghanistan signs non-aggression pact with Soviet Union.

1956 — Britain and West Germany sign 10-year agreement on nuclear co-operation.

1962 — Britain agrees to establish wider Malaysian federation.

1964 — US Ranger 7 space craft transmits to earth first closeup pictures of the moon.

1971 — US Apollo 15 astronauts take six and one-half hour ride on moon in electric car.

1974 — Ceasefire agreement takes effect between Turkey and Greece in fighting on Cyprus.

1978 — Gunmen shoot his way into Iraqi embassy in Paris and holds hostages for several hours before surrendering to French police.

1986 — Britain's cabinet unanimously supports Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's resistance to stiff sanctions against South Africa.

1988 — Pier jammed with thousands of festival travellers collapses at ferry terminal in northwest Malaysia, killing at least 30 people and injuring about 370.

1989 — Thousands of residents flee Beirut, Lebanon, as fierce shelling continues.

How will Swedish non-alignment survive without visible means of support? Tony Austin takes a look.

Swedish military faces crisis

Defence structure unreformed since WW II

STOCKHOLM, (Reuter): Swedish neutrality has survived intact since the time of Napoleon. But how will it fare without visible means of support?

Like the cannons of Kalmar Castle on Sweden's east coast, pointing proudly out to sea but undermined by rabbit warrens, the foundations of its defence policy are starting to slip.

"Sweden has continually put off reforming its World War Two defence structure. Now the issue has become a crisis," researcher Wilhelm Agrell said.

Swedes have always been led to believe their neutrality rests on two pillars — compulsory military service and self-reliance in the most important weapons. Now both these items are costing too much for a country of 8.5 million people.

"What would happen if we removed the two pillars? Nobody has ever proved that neutrality depends on them," said Agrell, assistant professor of history at Lund University.

Carl Johan Aberg, chairman of the Parliamentary Defence Committee, said: "We are not thinking about dropping our neutrality. But we need to change what it means in practice."

Defence officials, politicians and researchers agree that an unchanged defence budget of 30 billion crowns (\$5.1 billion) means cutting either arms spending or the length of military service from the present 7.5 months, or both.

The military threat to Sweden is perceived not so much as an invasion, but that a great power might try to march through on its way to attack Norway or Finland, as happened during World War Two, or set up bases here.

"The aim is to make this such a costly, time-consuming and uncertain enterprise that no great power will make the attempt," a government handbook says.

Supreme Commander Bengt Gustafsson believes the defence committee's budget proposals next year will be a turning-point.

"The defence industry is in bad shape. Running it down any further could jeopardise our preparedness for war. It is easier to train people in arms than build up a defence industry from scratch," Gustafsson said.

Aberg said: "Unless we allocate more, both the defence organisation and conscription will have to be cut. It is not a question of one or the other."

Sweden cannot expect any immediate benefits from the upheaval within the Warsaw Pact and



"AND WHEN YOU AWAKEN, YOU'LL REMEMBER NOTHING ABOUT WATERGATE!"

Nato military alliances.

"While the Soviet military threat on the (European) continent will be drastically curtailed,

the threat to Sweden and Finland will not be affected," Ingemar Dorfer of the Swedish Defence Research Establishment said in a paper.

Letters to the editor

Islamic revival

SIR: The story which appeared in your newspaper on July 25, citing Farooq's handicap of not obtaining hard liquor due to Islamisation since 1977 in Pakistan creates more questions on Islam than answer any.

The extensive usage of notion of fundamentalism and Islamisation process revolving around 80 lashes with an oil-soaked leather whip or cutting of a person's hand for stealing is the most ignorant and detrimental representation of Islam and Islamic civilisation.

There are more accidental deaths by drunken drivers than by drug abusers, therefore, alcoholism is even worst of its kind amongst prevalent substance-abuses as it results into more than 100,000 traffic-related deaths a year in the Western Hemisphere. If Islam prohibits substance-abuse then it is very much in line with the present scientific findings that alcoholism is a substance-abuse of the worst kind and therefore should not be a cause of derision or criticism of Islam. I doubt that individual liberties are curtailed if Islam prohibits alcoholism. If it does, then all the Western governments can be accused of the same crime as narcotic drug use is also strictly prohibited and offenders are dealt with iron clad laws which results into even capital punishment in some of the Far East Asian countries.

Islam has to be studied above such demeaning kind of remarks. If the blind shall lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch — this is what the Bible preaches. Ignorance from truth or reality is the worst kind of sin because it brings down a person to insignificance and contemptibility.

The disintegration of the Soviet state and German unification are manageable constructive problems for the West, but Islamic nations' return to history offers a subtle challenge to them. A bit of understanding is required because both sides by misunderstanding, rather than malice, can go wrong.

The general feeling that Islam lacks its own enlightenment to reconcile religion with modern thought because Islamic societies failed to keep up with the development of Europe in the 18th and 19th centuries is an incorrect assumption. The reason that the 18th and 19th centuries were difficult times for Muslims was because of their colonial domination. Muslim nations have emerged from this domination only since the last fifty years. The areas where greatest erosion was suffered due to Western colonial powers was the Islamic faith and culture because this represented beliefs, values, attitudes and manners of a society.

Colonialism

The colonialism underlying assumption was that race was a fundamental determinant of all history and culture; therefore, the key beliefs which raised from such an underlying theory were that non-Western culture was far inferior to that of the West, non-Western people were racially different from the Westerners and this difference was hereditary, thus, cultural inferiority was also hereditary. It was out of this assumption that a charter of change was promulgated for the colonies. Thus vision of transformation of inferior races through Western civilisation became the single-most object for the education of the colonial races. Through this re-education; it was believed that the cultural life of the people can be transformed and proper military and political control could be established.

The expansionist spread of Islam was not a real conversion of the subdued people. Orientalist, C.H. Becker, emphasises that, "It did not occur to the Muslims at all in the beginning to convert the subjected people." Scholars like Hugo Winkler, Leone Caetani and C.H. Becker have convincingly proved that everywhere the subjected people enjoyed free exercise of their religion without any doubt. The treatment of the

example of the subcontinent. Colonialism received support from evangelists, liberals and utilitarians. In eyes of these three schools of thought, Indian subcontinent's society was marked by a general corruption of manners and was sunk in misery. Each of these schools proposed solutions so that, according to Charles Grant, the subcontinent residents who were a race of "men lamentably degenerate and base" could be trained for the benefit of mankind.

The evangelists thought that the solution was introduction of Christian missionaries; the liberals believed in Western education and the utilitarians argued in favour of extension of Western culture. Majority of the people who were targets of such experimentation of cultural domination and imperialist expansion were Muslims. Out of the three categories of colonies, the Muslim culture inevitably suffered the most. The thrust of teaching of Gospel, introduction of Western education to silently undermine the fabric of error, and extension of Western culture left the Muslim societies into a disarray.

Islam on the move is a worry which is really uncalled for. The return of Islamic nations to history is the fulfilment of people's inspirations in a post-colonial era; this is the filling of a gap of disappointments. The Islamic societies have the ability to integrate their actions with the modern thought. Slowly and steadily, the Islamic countries have shown their expertise in employing technology to the best use.

The very basic elements on which fundamentalism breeds are alien to Islamic thought. Islam views society as a divinely ordained institution. It emphasises on a social fabric for its society as necessary for imparting knowledge. Consultation, criticism and test of all knowledge against evidence forms the basis of Shura. The principle of consensus (ijma) and right to creativity belongs to all. In Islamic society, ethical values require the existence of others, interaction with them and justice to them. The concept of morality is essentially an ethic of action, not an ethic of intention.

Knowledge

Astonishingly, the knowledge in the West about Islam is limited; it is tarnished by centuries-old prejudices and misunderstandings. The critiques of the Holy Quran who read this book should approach this work with respect. The Quran preserves for mankind the pure and undistorted words of the Almighty.

The theme of tolerance in Islam is least known amongst the Westerners. Islam, in its very essence, has tolerance written on its brow. The Quran says, "Let there be no compulsion in religion." The conquest of Makkah is an example which, in Gabriel's opinion, is a rare event in human history that, "victor has exploited his victory with greater self-restraint and forbearance than Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)."

The people of Book, those possessing scriptures, are placed under the protection of Islam and forbearance towards them is ordained by Prophet Mohammed (PBUH). Prophet is quoted in one of his oral traditions saying that, "Whoever kills anyone of the people of the Book will not inhale the fragrance of paradise." The Christian community of Nadran under Prophet's protection thrived. The Prophet is quoted as saying that, "If anyone encroaches upon their right, I myself shall be his enemy."

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Jews by Islamic society cannot be considered as harsh. It was under Islamic rule in Spain that the mediaeval Judaism, against which an unscrupulous war of extermination had been previously waged by Orthodoxy, experienced its greatest flowering where its greatest philosopher, Rabbi Moshe Ben Maimon, taught.

The spirit of tolerance and indulgence practised by Islamic rulers in Spain is a well-known historical fact. Famous historian, Sigrid Hunke, describes the end of the Islamic era in 15th century Spain when, under Catholic dominion, the spirit of tolerance and indulgence were over.

Under Archbishop Juan Ximenez, the Muslim and the rest of the flowering culture sank in a sea of terror in which waves of religious fanaticism devoured everything. Every time they expressed their faith, every time they used their language, every word, every song, they were sent to the gallows, persecuted and even burnt alive.

Whatever the conquering purpose had not destroyed amongst the treasures of Arabic science and poetry, was dragged out and huge piles were thrown into the flames. Who can forget the mass expulsion and devastation of the most flourishing part of the world in a short span.

History

Islamic history reveals itself as a protector of the weak. During the Middle Ages when Emperor Leo had the Jews baptised by force, Spanish Jews sought protection from Turkey at the end of the 15th century. To accuse Islam as an intolerant religion is at variance with the teachings of Holy Quran.

Islam has produced one of the most remarkable scientific traditions of any pre-modern civilisation — the astronomical writings of Al Furqani; or Nasiruddin Tousi, the geodetic, and geological works of Al Biruni; the medical and pharmacological text of Al Rezi or Ibn Sina; the optical study of Ibn Al Haytham; or the mathematical studies of Ghiasuddin Jamshid Kashani, or the algebra of Jabir Ibn Hayyan, and alchemical treatise of Khayyam are major achievements of Islam to science and civilisation.

The ignorance of history and legacy of Islam and misrepresentation of Islamic revival as some kind of dogma which threatens the world peace is a short-sighted attitude of critics of Islam. The political reawakening of the Islamic world should not be confused solely with the extremist attitudes of fundamentalism.

The focus on surge of Islam as a threat has to be properly studied. The Islamic political reawakening is tolerant in character and is driven more by a sense of cultural separateness than religious fervour. A Muslim seeking freedom from shackles of totalitarianism has the same desire like a Romanian seeking freedom from an absolute system. If we can support the cause of Romanians so as to help them escape from the extremes of brutality under doctrines of Ceausescism, then why should we worry for a Muslim urge of freedom. He also has the same right to breathe free like any other human being. To slap the desire of a Muslim with the slogan of "extremism" is injustice to the cause of mankind.

Freedom for everybody and malice towards none should be the notion of humankind. One can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom.

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Israel calls for chem-arms-free zone

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (AP): Israel's Defence Ministry called yesterday for the elimination of chemical weapons in the Middle East and denied that Israel possesses such arms.

"Israel is a signatory of the Geneva Protocol of 1925 and abides by it," said a statement issued by Defence Ministry spokesman Dan Naveh. "To our dismay other countries who also are signatories of this protocol have violated it."

The Geneva Protocol of 1925 prohibits the use of chemical weapons.

Naveh's statement reminded the world that Israel "was among the first to alert the world about the use of chemical weapons."

"Israel hopes that in the near future we may have a new comprehensive convention for the total elimination of chemical weapons, a convention that will deal with the Middle East problem and Israel's security needs," Naveh's communiqué added.

Science Minister Yuval Neeman, who is also head of Israel's space programme, had warned Friday that Israel could respond in like to Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's threats to use chemical weapons against Israel.

"In my opinion, we have an excellent response, and that is to threaten Saddam with the same merchandise," Neeman

said. However, Neeman later said he had been misunderstood.

Meanwhile, in Iraq, a spokesman for the foreign minister slammed the West for maintaining silence over Neeman's statement.

"Everybody knows that Israel has all kinds of weapons of mass destruction," said the spokesman, who was not identified. "But we are surprised that the West made a lot of fuss about Iraq's weapons potential and kept silent on the statement by the Israeli minister."

The "war of words" erupted in April

when Saddam threatened to torch half of Israel with chemical weapons if the Jewish state attacked him with nuclear arms.

His remarks followed the arrest of several Iraqis in London for trying to smuggle US-made electronic devices that could be used to trigger nuclear weapons. Saddam then denied that the devices were meant for nuclear arms.

Israeli officials have refused to discuss foreign reports that the country has stockpiled nuclear arms and although it is widely believed that Israel has chemical weapons officials have never admitted it.

Benjedid calls early parliamentary polls

Islamic fundamentalists welcome decision

ALGIERS, July 30. (Agencies): President Chadli Benjedid yesterday announced early parliamentary elections for next year as demanded by Muslim fundamentalists, victorious in June local elections in this North African nation.

Benjedid said the decision to dissolve Parliament and hold early elections in the first four months of 1991 was made "after lengthy reflection and my conviction that the political parties will respect the rules of democracy."

Elections are normally scheduled for February 1992.

Algeria's president made the announcement while installing the nation's first

Defence Minister, Gen. Khaled Nezzar, at a special cabinet session.

It came days after Islamic Salvation Front leader Abassi Madani made his latest call for an immediate dissolution of the National People's Assembly.

The Islamic Salvation Front won a wide victory in June 12 municipal and provincial elections, the first multi-party voting since Algeria gained independence from France in 1962. Since then, Madani says, the parliament "represents nothing."

The ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) holds all 295 seats in the National People's Assembly. The party trailed second in the June balloting, largely boycotted by other opposition parties.

Benjedid said the elections would only take place if conditions for "peace and security" are met.

"We are thus giving the people the occasion to choose freely their representatives," Benjedid said.

He added that his decision reflects "the will of the people which we respect" but "in no way signifies that the actual assembly has failed in its mission."

Algerian radio announced yesterday that a ban on shorts would be forbidden in the vacation town of Jijel, in eastern Algeria, the second town to do so. Signs in Arab warning residents and tourists that shorts are forbidden are to be erected, the radio reported.

A decree forbidding the wearing of shorts in Tipaza, a touristic town 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of Algiers, had been issued earlier. The Islamic Salvation Front controls both towns.

In addition, Jijel officials have demanded that all correspondence addressed to the municipality be written in the "national language," meaning Arab.

Madani today welcomed bringing national elections forward a year but warned that liberalising voting rights for women would violate religious law.

"I congratulate the president for his decision, even if it took a long time," said Madani.

But the 59-year-old philosophy professor criticized calls by secular political parties to modify Algeria's so-called "family law" that gives husbands the right to vote for their wives.

The Islamic Sharia gives and defines all rights for a Muslim woman. Madani said, "It's enough to apply it, keeping in mind respect for women."

Secular political parties complain that the law played a key role in the fundamentalists' June 12 victory over the FLN in regional and local elections.

Berber leader Hocine Ait-Ahmed, leader of the centrist Front of Socialist Forces that boycotted the June campaign, said his party would probably participate in the legislative election.

Ait-Ahmed urged all democratic parties to unite against the fundamentalists and the FLN and "guarantee that Algeria will know for the first time in its history really free elections."

Benjedid also granted amnesty to hundreds of people charged with political and social crimes stemming from riots in October 1988 over deteriorating economic conditions.

The demonstrations left scores of people dead and forced Benjedid to institute constitutional reforms in February 1989 that allowed multipartyism, leading to June's elections.

The constitutional changes also guaranteed equality of the sexes, but has not yet been used to override the 1986 family law that allows a woman's husband to cast a ballot in her name with written permission.

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But the 19th foreign ministers meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) opening tomorrow will not deal with the most recent crisis in the Muslim world, the Iraq-Kuwait dispute over oil production and border demarcation.

Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak will open the conference with a speech that Egyptian officials said will focus on reconciliation and cohesion among the world's billion Muslims the OIC embraces.

The Iraq-Kuwait crisis has been kept out of the 85-item conference agenda mainly because of Egypt's determination to confine itself within the Arab family. Iraq and Kuwait are participating in the conference but not by their foreign ministers.

Kuwaiti Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Dr Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi left Kuwait this evening for Cairo to attend, on behalf of Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheik Sabah Al-Ahmed.

Egypt said the absence of the Foreign Minister of Kuwait, Iraq and Iran would not affect the outcome of the meeting.

The Foreign Ministry's Munir Zahran, director of the international conferences department, said another inter-Arab conflict, that between Iraq and its long-time rival Syria, also will not be discussed at the OIC meeting.

Custody case verdict delayed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (AP): Israel's Supreme Court today delayed ruling on whether 4-year-old Lindsay Rhein can leave Israel for London to see her parents' lawyers time to work out a private custody agreement.

The girl's mother, Jill Rhein, told police that Lindsay was grabbed from her on June 29 on a London street. Her estranged husband, American film producer Stewart Rhein, has been charged with kidnapping.

He was arrested at the request of British police earlier this month in Tel Aviv. The child has been placed under the care of Tel Aviv social workers, and the mother, who is British, has been given visiting rights.

After Rhein sued to block his estranged wife from taking Lindsay out of the country, a Tel Aviv District Court on July 20 ruled that the child could leave. But it allowed Rhein time to appeal to the Supreme Court.

Dov Yisraeli, the attorney for Mrs. Rhein, said she was willing to drop the kidnapping charges if Rhein accepted a British court's earlier ruling giving her temporary custody. Yisraeli said Mrs. Rhein also is demanding child support payments and a guarantee that there would be no further attempts at kidnapping.

"It is not a matter of money," Mrs. Rhein said after the hearing. "I just want to know that Lindsay and I can live safely in England."

Step aside, US tells Gen. Aoun

Full backing for Hirawi

DAMASCUS, July 30. (Kuna): The US ambassador to Syria Edward Djerejian today renewed Washington's support to the Lebanese government of President Elias Hirawi and the Taif accord which, he urged, should be fully implemented.

In a stern warning to Lebanese rebel army commander Gen. Michel Aoun, Djerejian said those who oppose the Taif accord and the plan put forward recently by the Lebanese government to implement it "should step aside and not remain a stumbling block before Lebanon to regain its sovereignty and independence."

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Asked on the situation in Lebanon, the envoy said the US sees a rare chance for the Lebanese people to regain political independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. He described the recent statement by the Lebanese government as the practical way to start implementing the Taif accord in its entirety.

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In a clear warning to Aoun, who opposes the Taif accord, Djerejian said those who refuse this stance "should step aside and not remain a stumbling block before Lebanon to regain its sovereignty and independence."

The American ambassador said the US government hopes Syria would undertake its obligations under the Taif accord and would help the Lebanese government restore sovereignty and independence.

Afghan people must settle their own problems, says Najibullah

NEW DELHI, July 30. (AP): US-Soviet talks may facilitate an agreement on Afghanistan, but the Afghan people must settle their own problems. President Najibullah said in an interview published today.

"If all international and regional problems are being solved through peaceful means, Afghanistan cannot remain as an exception — like a handkerchief to be folded and kept in a separate pocket," he told the Indian newspaper the Hindustan Times.

US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevard-

nadze will meet Wednesday and Thursday in Irkutsk, in Central Siberia to discuss Afghanistan.

"We welcome any effort and initiative by other countries, especially the superpowers, aimed at the cessation of war and restoration of peace in Afghanistan," Najibullah said in the interview Thursday in Kabul.

He said US-Soviet action could speed up progress toward peace, "however, it is the Afghans themselves who should settle the problems relating to them and their country."

We Afghans should come together for negotiations and hold a dialogue and pave the way for peace and rehabilitation. These efforts can lead to a series of international accords or an international consensus," he said.

Najibullah's departure yesterday for Moscow led to reports in Pakistan that US and Soviet officials have reached a tacit agreement that he would hand over some aspects of power to a council of Afghan forces. The composition of the council is to be determined.

The United States has agreed that

Najibullah can remain as President of

Afghanistan, providing he turns over control of the military, the state media and the secret police to a neutral body during an election.

The United States has also said Najibullah can run in the election.

Najibullah, who uses just one name like many Afghans, made no reference during the interview to the possibility of his stepping down.

Since Baker and Shevardnadze met in Paris earlier this month, speculation has been rife that they were laying the groundwork for a political settlement of Afghanistan's war.

New Israeli ambassador for Egypt

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (Reuters): The Foreign Ministry-dominated Arabic-speaking career diplomat Ephraim Dubek today as Israel's ambassador to Egypt.

He will replace Shimon Shamir, who resigned over policy differences with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Dubek, now Israel's number two at the United Nations in New York, has previously served as a minister in Cairo and ambassador to UN organisations in Geneva.

Israeli officials had sought to play down the resignation of Shamir, which followed Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's refusal to accept US proposals for Palestinian-Israeli peace talks in Cairo and his formation of a right-wing government.

Ambassador Shamir, no relation to the prime minister, will remain in Cairo until the new nomination has been formally approved by the Israeli government and Egypt.

Foreign Ministry sources said Zalman Shoval, a political appointee, would be the new ambassador to Washington as part of a coalition agreement with the Israel's Likud-led government.

Shoval's right-wing Rafi Ometz faction joined the Likud coalition in June to form the Jewish state's most hardline government.

Shoval told reporters today he disagreed with the concept of a "Greater Israel" including the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip but would have no problem representing the Israeli government in the United States.

He said as a political appointee he might be more than a career diplomat to remove current tension in US-Israeli ties.

The US administration, especially the president and secretary of state, want to have an emissary there who they believe has a direct line to those people who make policy in Israel," he said.

Shoval said he had sought a delay in his nomination to clear up business interests that could conflict with the Washington appointment.



Return

An uncle of slain Canadian teenager Marnie Kimmelman took the young girl's body home on Monday along with a bag of sand from the beach where she died in a pipe bomb explosion.

Twenty-three teenagers who were on a Canadian Zionist Federation tour with the young woman left Israel on the same flight, deciding to cut short their visit two days after the explosion.

Ms Kimmelman's uncle, Louis Resnick, who had arrived Sunday to arrange the return of his niece's body, visited the Tel Aviv beach where the bomb exploded and collected a bag of sand, the耶路撒冷 newspaper said.

Mourning the loss of a friend three teenagers hug each other on Tel Aviv beach.

Fatah cell indicted: another Arab dies

Israelis flock to W. Bank

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, July 30. (Agencies): Israelis are flocking into occupied Arab lands in search of cheap housing because a tidal wave of Soviet Jewish migrants has caused rents to soar in Israel.

The fact is the population last summer reached 90,000. Now we more or less number 100,000," Benny Katzover, a leading Jewish settler of the occupied territories, said today.

An independent survey by the newspaper Haaretz last month forecast 95,000 Jewish settlers would be living in the territories by September.

The figures confirm the suspicions of neighbouring Arab states and the Palestine Liberation Organisation that Palestinians will be displaced by the Jewish influx.

Hundreds of Israelis have taken to the streets in recent weeks accusing the government of displacing them with Soviet Jewish immigrants who receive rent subsidies.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's hardline government has promised not to direct Soviet newcomers to the occupied territories but would not complain if the wave of newcomers forced others into the area.

The government says the settlers protect Israel from any future Arab attack and Shamir always refers to the West Bank by its biblical names, Judea and Samaria.

In protest at rising rents and the shortage of apartments, Israelis have pitched 30 tent camps, taken over empty flats once used by immigrants and climbed the roofs of municipalities threatening suicide.

Katzover told army radio the number of Jews living in the territories would be at least 50 per cent higher if it were not for a growing shortage of apartments there too.

He said Israelis were undeterred by a Palestinian

uprising that has raged for 31 months in the occupied lands, adding: "The people of Israel think it's an appropriate place."

In the latest violence, 16-year-old Saheb Barak, whom the army said was hit by a plastic bullet in Nablus on Saturday, died today.

Israel, meanwhile, released information about a commando cell belonging to Yasser Arafat's Fatah wing of the Palestine Liberation Organisation, which was indicted in a military court last week.

The cell members, all Arabs, were charged with planting a number of bombs in Israel.

Israeli authorities, meanwhile, announced the indictment of a six-member Fatah cell in the Lod military court.

IN THE NEWS

Adeeb Shuhaiher

Suave, and oh, so sweet!

By Manal El Sheikh
Arab Times staff

KTV news reader Adeeb Shuhaiher would love to spend all his summers on Palm Beach, Florida. When he can't get away from Kuwait's sweltering heat, he makes do with Messiah Beach to beat the summer blues.

At the age of 25, he seems to have found the secret of making the most of life shuttling between a full-time banking job and a career in television. He loves both his careers.

How he manages to juggle his time is his trade secret, but he admits: "A degree in business management opens the doors to many opportunities."

Opportunity knocked. Kuwait Television launched a search for English-speaking reporters and newscasters. He applied and was called for a screen test and since his selection, Adeeb has been in the news.

Most newscasters in Kuwait are the talk of the town for news bloopers. Adeeb is seen by the young, and the young at heart, as the suave, oh, so cute TV personality.

Around town

Farewell, welcome

A farewell reception was hosted on Saturday by Al Rashed Shipping Agencies Company, WLL, to say farewell to K. Tsuboi, Middle East representative for Nippon Liner Services, and to welcome his successor Fujiwara.

The luncheon was hosted by Al Rashed's Director Basim Al Rashed and its General Manager Captain Peter Wakely. Guests included A.R. Al Naibari, director of Shuaiba port and a large number of friends and customers.

Al Rashed presented a commemorative plate to Tsuboi in appreciation of his friendship and co-operation during his term in office.



Basim Al Rashed presenting the commemorative plate



Rekha starring in Baharashtha at Al Firdous Cinema

CINEMA TODAY	
Al Andalus	Faheeh
Tahit Al Sifir (Arabic)	Funny Family
Starring: Najla Fathi and	
Salah El Saadani	
Al Salimiya	Al Jahra
Jazeerat Al Shitaan (Arabic)	Nai Bichar (Bengali)
Starring: Adel Imam	
Al Hamra	Granada
Halawat Al Rouh (Arabic)	Hall booked
Starring: Kamal Al Shinawi,	Sulalikhah
Sufia Al Imari	FEOS
Drive-In	Jeeb
Jazeerat Al Shitaan (Arabic)	Agum Pani
Starring: Adel Imam	Almadi Drive-in
Al Firdous	Al Taair Al-Jary
Baharashtha (Hindi)	
Starring: Mithun Chak-	PRAYERS
raborty and Rekha	
Faheeh Open	Fajr
Taqdeer Ka Tamasha (Hindi)	3:38 am
	11:54
	Asr
	3:30 pm
	Maghreb
	6:41
	Isha
	8:07

PRAYERS	
	Fajr
	Zahr
	Asr
	Maghreb
	Isha
	8:07



Al Turki and Dickenson meet

The Secretary General of the Organisation of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) Abdul Aziz Al Turki on Sunday received Canadian Ambassador L.T. Dickenson in his office. They discussed matters of mutual interest.



Sadiq Pasha greeted

Bharathi Kalai Mandram (BKM), Kuwait, hosted a reception last week in honour of a visiting Tamil Nadu minister, Sadiq Pasha. The reception, held at Caesar's Restaurant, was attended by a large number of Indian Tamils living in Kuwait. Above: (L-R) BKM president P.N. Rangan, C.K.V. Raman, Sadiq Pasha and Ganesan.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

KTV 1

- 9.00 Holy Quran
- 9.15 Cartoons
- 9.40 Iftah Ya Simsim: a programme for children
- 10.10 Good Morning
- 10.15 Al Bakheel Wa Ana: Arabic serial starring Farid Shawki
- 11.15 Sabah Al Khair
- 12.00 Aj Ma'sara: Arabic serial starring Jamil Awad; Juliet Awad, Abeera Essa
- 1.00 Songs
- 1.30 Al Sanafer: cartoon serial
- 2.00 The News
- 2.30 Ibn Aqil: Gulf serial starring Ahlam Mohammed, Ibrahim Al Bunki
- 3.30 Masrah Al Muwahib: Talented People's Theatre
- 4.15 Huwaar Wa Nagham: variety programme, presented by Hanan Al Sa'ati
- 5.15 Cartoons
- 5.30 Adventures: cartoon serial
- 6.00 Songs
- 6.30 Kan'a Ma Kan'a: children's serial
- 7.30 Songs
- 8.00 Al Anees Wal Jalees: focus on Arab literature. Focusing on Alif/Laila Wa Laila
- 9.00 News in Arabic
- 9.45 Al Zaera: Arabic serial, featuring Samiha Ayoub, Salah Qabil, Shireen, Abla Kamel



Perfect Strangers — KTV 2, 10.00 pm

KTV 2

- 10.45 Songs
- 11.00 Al Kalb Lahe Wahed: Arabic film, starring Sabah and Anwar Wagdi
- 12.20 News Summary
- 12.25 World News via Satellite
- 1.40 Holy Quran/Close-down



At the Plaza:

Al Dallah Coffee Shop: international cuisine; open buffet plus menu.

Lolowah Corner: snacks and refreshing summer drinks.

Marco Polo: Italian ambience and cuisine, particularly pasta.

At the Messiah Beach

Al Mubarikah: open around the clock; seafood promotion on Wednesdays, 7 pm; Fridays

— Middle Eastern cuisine.

Al Jawharah: Thursday special — special menu; music by Rainbow Band.

Al Berdouneh: BBQ on Thursday in beach-garden restaurant; Lebanese food.

At the Sheraton

Hunt Room: Daily buffet lunch in addition to a la carte; plus grilled specialties: a la carte dinner plus some specialities from Le Tarboche, Duo Fantasy in attendance.

Riccardo Restaurant: will be open for dinner 8pm to 11pm with live entertainment by Regina and Frances.

Coffee Shop: breakfast, lunch and dinner, 6am to 10:00am.

At the SAS

Bistro: Sunday/Wednesday — past night: Italian music.

Peacock Room: Chinese cuisine; lunch and dinner.

Al Boom: Kuwaiti experience; charcoal grilled food, plus mezze buffet.

Clock snack bar — burgers, french fries, etc.

At the International

Faileka: Chef's Special, in addition to menu at the Faileka Restaurant. Closed on Fridays.

La Patisserie: Austria's favourite — a variety of strudel is now presented at La Patisserie.

La Paine: Enjoy a sumptuous buffet as well as a la carte. Family style brunch on Fridays.

At the Meridien

Al Fingan: offers a wide range of refreshments; open from 9 am to 11 pm.

Al Waha: features ice creams, several flavours; open Saturday through Thursday, 8 am to 9 pm.

At Holiday Inn Crown Plaza

Coffee Shop: open for early morning breakfast; also serves lunch and dinner.

Lobby Cafe: offers refreshments and snacks.

Babylon Gardens: features fresh fruit juices and refreshments.

Friday Brunch: Ship discovery tour, entertainment for children and cartoon characters to amuse.

British Council

The British Council is giving out information on how to get British qualifications through correspondence. Details about the names of colleges, dates and fees can be obtained from the Education Office, open from 9 am to 12.30 noon and 3 to 8 pm.

For Overseas Pakistanis

■ Applications are invited from children of Overseas Pakistanis for admission in Lawrence College, Ghora Gali Murree, Pakistan for the session commencing from 1st March, 1991. The applicants can apply for admission in Class I and V only. Application forms and other information can be obtained from the Press Section, of the Embassy of Pakistan. Last date for receipt of application is September 30, 1990.

Only members of Overseas Pakistani Foundation can apply.

■ Applications are invited from children of Overseas Pakistanis for admission in Inter College Lower Topa, Murree, Pakistan for the session commencing from 1st March, 1991. The applicants can apply for admission in Class I and V only. Application forms and other information can be obtained from the Press Section, of the Embassy of Pakistan. Last date for receipt of application is October 31, 1990.

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Pakistan Embassy

July 31/Aug 1: The Pakistan Embassy will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday on the occasion of Ashura. Normal working resumes on Aug 2.

Assumption masses

August 15, at the Holy Family Cathedral.

6:45 am English Mass

7:30 am English Mass

5:00 pm English Mass

6:00 pm English Mass

7:00 pm English Mass

7:55 pm Arabic Mass

8:30 pm English Mass

Maronite Mass

Holy day of obligation. Happy Feast to all of you.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

80 per cent of stock for \$1.26 billion; acquisition complete by Nov

Fujitsu acquires ICL of Britain

TOKYO, July 30, (UPI): Japan's top computer maker Fujitsu Ltd. announced today it has agreed to acquire 80 per cent equity in STC International Computers Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of STC PLC and leading information systems manufacturing company in Britain.

The Tokyo-based company said the agreement was signed in London today between Fujitsu and STC PLC.

Under the agreement, Fujitsu will purchase 430 million shares of 80 per cent of ICL's stock for £700 million (about \$1.26 billion), the company said.

The acquisition will be completed by

Nov 30, provided it is approved by STC's shareholders, the company said.

Fujitsu officials said ICL will seek to list its shares on the London Stock Exchange within five years, provided the share price is not less than £225 per share.

"Fujitsu's financial and technological support for ICL is good news for customers and employees," STC chairman Arthur Walsh was quoted as saying. "ICL's ability to grow will be significantly enhanced as a member of the Fujitsu family."

Under the arrangement, STC will receive a total of £742.8 million (about

\$1.34 billion), including 700 million pounds to be paid by Fujitsu and an additional 42.8 million pounds (£77.3 million) to be paid by ICL for its purchase of STC's US subsidiary ICL INC.

The proceeds of the transaction will be used by STC for repayment of the group's borrowings and for investment to strengthen and develop its presence in the communications systems market in Europe, the company said.

Fujitsu's purchase of ICL follows nine years of collaboration between the two firms and makes the Fujitsu family the second largest computer group in the

world, the company said.

"We have come to respect ICL in the course of our technological collaboration in the last nine years and this agreement builds on that relationship," said Fujitsu chairman Takuma Yamamoto.

Fujitsu officials said ICL will continue to be managed under the leadership of its chairman Peter Bonfield.

"The acquisition is part of our policy of globalising our operations, and Fujitsu has no intention of turning ICL into its production or marketing base in Europe," managing director Michio Naruto told a news conference.

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Price target may exceed

Opec accord agreed with widespread approval

NICOSIA, July 30, (Agencies): Opec may comfortably exceed its new \$21 target for a barrel of oil by the end of the year if all members stick to output quotas, the oil industry newsletter Middle East Economic Survey (MEES) said today.

The 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries agreed in Geneva on Friday to raise the target price from \$18 and its total output ceiling to 22.491 million barrels per day from 22.086 million.

MEES said the usual expected increase in world crude demand in the fourth quarter of the year should be more than enough to soak up current excess oil stocks.

Showa Shell to prospect oil in Burma

TOKYO, July 30, (AP): Showa Shell Oil Development Co. said today it will prospect oil resources in Burma jointly with Myanmar Shell BV of the Netherlands at an estimated cost of more than \$20 million over five years.

Showa Shell will prospect the 19,280 square km (7,442 square-mile) mining area in Burma's Central Basin and the eastern section of the Irrawaddy Delta beginning this fall, officials of the Japanese company said.

The company said it obtained a 20 per cent interest in the mining rights from Myanmar Shell BV.

Myanmar Shell BV originally obtained the mining rights from the Burmese government-owned Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise last October through its parent company Shell Exploration Co., officials said.

Boeing earns \$1.99 per share

SALES of \$13,404 billion and net earnings of \$689 million or \$1.99 per share for the first half of 1990 were reported by Frank Shrontz, Boeing chairman and chief executive officer.

Shrontz stated that the technical, cost and schedule problems on certain US government developmental and production programmes have not been fully resolved. Although progress has been made, the impact of these operational problems, continued to affect the company's performance.

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Stock market loses ground

Continues to decline

NEW YORK, July 30, (AP): The stock market declined today in selling attributed to worries about weakness in the economy.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials fell 9.15 points to 2,889.36 at 1430 GMT, one hour after the market opened.

Losers outnumbered gainers by nearly 3 to 1 in nationwide trading of New York Stock Exchange-listed issues, with 246 up, 710 down and 468 unchanged.

Volume on the Big Board came to 20.34 million shares as of 1400 GMT on Wall Street.

Analysts said traders were still unsettled by Friday's report that the Gross National Product grew at a 1.2 percent annual rate, after adjustment for inflation, in the second quarter of the year.

The increase was smaller than expected, and reflected a buildup in inventories rather than gains in final demand among consumers and business purchasers.

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Iranian revenue doubles to 107pc

NICOSIA, July 30, (Reuter): Iran moved from a budget deficit into the black in the second quarter of this year with revenue more than doubling from the same period in 1989, the Iranian news agency Isna said today.

Government revenue rose 107 per cent to 1,905.7 billion rials (\$27.2 billion) at the official exchange rate, Isna quoted Finance Minister Hosseini Norouzzadeh as telling a cabinet meeting yesterday.

Spending rose 31 per cent, leaving a surplus of 293.7 billion rials against a deficit of 310.5 billion in the second quarter of 1989.

Revenue from oil, gas and taxes totalled 1,281.6 billion rials, up 62 per cent over the previous year.

But the biggest increase came in the "from other sources" category, which includes government proceeds from selling dollars to certain importers at a rate of 800 rials, compared to the official rate of 70 rials to the dollar.

The 800 rate was introduced in October as part of President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani's plan to raise revenues and reduce the volume of rials in circulation.

The government introduced another rate — about 1,300 rials per dollar, against the free market rate of about 1,400 — for importers of less essential goods in mid-June.

The budget for the whole year approved in March envisaged a deficit of about 1,600 billion rials.

■ At the start of foreign exchange trading in Switzerland today, one Kuwaiti dinar was trading at 4,698.3 Swiss francs as against the closing rate of 4,715.5 Friday evening, the Swiss-Kuwaiti Bank reported.

China to open stock market

BELIJING, July 30, (AP): China's first full-fledged stock market will open in the port city of Shanghai in December, according to a newspaper report seen today.

The city will begin operating a national securities exchange in a new building equipped with computer terminals linked to trading counters inside the city and around the country, Shanghai's official Liberation Daily reported.

Shanghai Mayor Zhu Rongji, during a recent visit to the United States, told the Los Angeles Times that the new exchange would first concentrate on government securities and later develop trading in shares of Shanghai companies.

GATT criticises Canadian steps to increase tariffs, import quotas

GENEVA, July 30, (UPI): Canada has taken some steps to improve access to its market but has also increased tariffs and import quotas on a whole range of products, the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) complained today.

Sixty new duties are especially applied to textiles, clothing, footwear, chemicals, transport equipment, toys, tobacco, furniture and several agricultural items, GATT said.

Canada was the subject of one of the GATT secretariat's period trade policy review studies of how member countries apply free

trade principles.

"Overall, the Canadian tariff regime, including preferential and concessional arrangements, appears complex and lacking in transparency," it said.

There are also farm price supports and subsidised transport and insurance subsidies which, along with import limits, mean high prices for consumers, the study said.

Canadian consumers, it said, for instance pay 100 per cent more than the world market price for milk.

GATT welcomed several liberalisation

measures already implemented or planned by the authorities, especially in reducing agricultural supports and textile tariffs.

These measures plus the future free trade agreement with the United States should boost annual Canadian growth by three-quarters of one per cent, the study said.

Projected cuts in non-tariff barriers and elimination of tariffs in bilateral trade with the United States, however, will mean US suppliers benefiting more than anyone from the growing Canadian market.



Stocks fall

A share trader walks past traders resting at their desks after stocks fell sharply to mark the seventh straight trading day of decline, at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday. Shares were down 420.53 point to 30,442.95 yen at the close. (Reuters wirephoto)

New farm plan

EC bid to break GATT deadlock

DROMLAND CASTLE, Ireland, July 30, (Reuters): The European Community made an unexpected proposal today to break almost four years of deadlock in world farm trade talks, challenging trade partners to cut subsidies to farmers by 30 per cent between 1986 and 1996.

EC farm commissioner Ray MacSharry sprang the plan at a closed-door meeting of agriculture ministers from

aback by MacSharry's proposal, which would take into account any subsidy cutbacks made since 1986.

US Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter, who has called on the EC to commit itself to an overhaul of community agriculture, said Washington would not officially respond to the offer until it was formally made at the Berlin Wall to accompany the news.

"This is not a negotiation," Yeutter said, referring to the five-way meeting here. It had been billed as an informed get-together and no dramatic initiatives had been expected.

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Not everyone agreed.

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McDonalds canceled a five-star press reception in an East Berlin hotel, fearing disruption from ecologists who say it is bad for health and the planet.

McDonald to go across Berlin Wall

EAST BERLIN, July 30, (Reuters): US fast food giant McDonald's today unveiled plans to open its first outlet in East Germany, but found its global hamburger empire was not to everyone's taste.

Environmentalists and city bureaucrats hostile to the move deflated a planned blitz of publicity, ensuring not a single Big Mac made it across the Berlin Wall to accompany the news.

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not reject the EC proposal out of hand but found the timing inappropriate.

The United States has proposed

deep cuts in price supports and trade barriers, and elimination of export subsidies.

The EC, with five times as many farmers as the United States, has said it would agree to cuts in subsidies but cannot dismantle the EC's Common Agricultural Policy, credited with assuring the community's self-sufficiency in food output.

US officials said Washington did

not formally clear his proposal through the EC Commission, which they said might not consider the plan until September.

That raised the prospect that GATT members would not have the time to respond to the EC's proposal in hand when they resume negotiations on agriculture in Geneva on August 27.

It was unclear exactly how world farm income would be affected if GATT members cut overall farm support by 30 per cent over the 10-year period ending in 1996.

EC officials said MacSharry, who

comes from Ireland, had not formally cleared his proposal through the EC Commission, which they said might not consider the plan until September.

The main components of this turnkey delivery project are:

- 250,000 Mg/annum input of Municipal Solid Waste minimum
 - Minimum capacity of 700 Mg per 8-hours working day (1 shift)
 - Production of a minimum of 200 Mg/day of Compost in 1 shift
 - Composting processing technologies are open
 - A 2-3 shifts operation is provided from the beginning
 - Construction of administration buildings, waste storage areas, compost storage halls and other necessary facilities.
 - Construction of roads, streets and squares as well as all supply lines
 - Landscaping
 - Operation and maintenance
- The PQ may be ordered at the following against the payment of KD.50/- (Non-Refundable):

ORGANIC FERTILIZERS COMPANY K.S.C.C. (or)

Consultant:
Kuwait Compost Plant
Joint Venture,
DC-GRP-PACE
C/o DORSCH CONSULT
INGENIEURESELLSCHAFT mbH
(Consulting Engineers)
Hansastrasse 20,
8000 Muenchen 21
West Germany.

The deadline for the submittal is the 23rd of August '90, 1.00 pm.

جامعة الدول

East German finds niche selling high technology of the West

Entrepreneur was outcast under communism

EAST BERLIN, July 30, (Reuters): Herbert Meissner never made it in communist East Germany, where success meant working for state-owned firms, the government or the party.

Expelled from school, he worked without a state insurance scheme or party card, making ends meet by acting, singing and as the disc jockey at an all-night dance show at East Berlin's Metropol Hotel.

But what banished him to the fringes of communist society yesterday makes him a winner today. It gave him the confidence to start his own company.

"I've always wanted to do something to keep me out of being regulated. I've always wanted to be independent," he said.

In a country with a crumbling infrastructure,

where the signs of neglect abound, Meissner has found a niche selling the high technology "yuppie dish" of the West.

He employs a four-strong team, including his ballet-dancer wife, selling television satellite dishes from a gleaming shop set rather incongruously in a tatty East Berlin suburb.

The entrepreneur was almost an extinct species among East Germans, who have lived under a command economy since 1936, first under Hitler, then under the communists.

This month's merger of the two German economies introduced free-market rules and the Deutschmark into the country, encouraging people like Meissner to start up businesses.

"When I started people thought a West German was sitting here," said Meissner, 48, surrounded by television sets in his three-month-old shop.

East Berlin's former communist rulers wielded punitive taxes and nationalisation to squeeze free enterprise out of East Germans, placing more than 90 per cent of the economy in state hands.

Meissner was among the 100,000 firms which started up in the first half of this year after quickly identifying a market.

When the Berlin Wall was opened in November, millions of East Germans swarmed to the West where they stared at shop windows displaying consumer goods long denied them.

Meissner had been given a satellite dish by a

Danish friend, who also explained how it worked. He watched how West Berlin salesmen sold expensive systems to East Germans.

"The salesmen told them they could get 10 extra programmes — but they didn't tell them they'd need a decoder to watch them," he said.

Customers, Meissner said, could get honest advice by coming to his shop, with some straight answers on the total cost, including decoders, of a satellite dish system.

East German officials say small businesses could hardly face a harder start, with a slow economic decline pinching consumer and government spending.

A dish costs 1,254 marks (\$764) and the average

monthly worker wage is 1,100 marks (\$670).

But Meissner cites surveys showing that East Germans want to spend big sums on Western electronics. Many will blow a chunk of their large savings, stashed for years in bank accounts because there was nothing worth buying.

A recent poll by two East German research institutes said 10 to 13 per cent of households aimed to spend money this year on a car, electronics or clothing.

Until now products like televisions were made for export and prohibitively expensive on the home market, costing up to 7,500 marks (\$4,500).

Bonn officials cite businessmen like Meissner as examples of how East Germany will transform its

economy, re-employing the three million people who could land on dole queues.

Meissner says he has had it easier than most starting up his new company, with access to two basics usually denied to most businesses: a telephone and office space.

His shop, along with the telephone, belongs to an East German who left last year for the West.

Back in January, the local council told Meissner his shop was not needed, claiming that state stores sold the same products close by. But his authority later relented, keen to eat more.

"It all goes well. I'll move into the shop next door in August and employ two more technicians," he said.



Sir John Harvey-Jones is the 'Hercule Poirot' of British industry: he ferrets out and fixes failing businesses

How to restore fortunes Harvey-Jones treatment

LONDON, July 30, (CSM): Sir John Harvey-Jones does not look like a captain of industry. Bustling onto the shop floor of the ailing Tri-ang toy factory in Manchester, long and half-combed hair curling over his collar, he seemed more like a cross between a swashbuckling pirate and a country squire with a weakness for loud ties.

Both impressions hold grains of truth. The burly 66-year-old industrialist who has become a media star advising trouble-prone British companies how to restore their fortunes, began his career with a 20-year stint as a Royal Navy officer. Nowadays he spends the little spare time he can find relaxing on a 10-acre estate in Wales, tending geese, and donkeys, and driving a pony and trap.

But as his highly successful BBC-TV series "Troubleshooter" demonstrated, Sir John Harvey-Jones at heart is a ruthless analyst of industrial weakness.

"I believe that by far the most common reason why companies fail, or fail to prosper," he says, "is poor leadership." Sir John's maxim is: Cherchez le manager.

At Tri-ang, one of six industrial concerns that were given a going-over by Sir John in the TV series, management came in for blistering criticism.

The company became famous for its toys for World War I but, for the past 20 years, had been languishing. Why?

According to Sir John: "Management at Tri-ang was chaotic. The company was trying to do too many things — such as make garden furniture — without adequate investment. The chairman was acting like the proprietor of a small family concern."

Even before the Troubleshooter series ended, the chairman had resigned. The company's new head reports a near-doubling of sales, partly as a result of the TV publicity it received. Tri-ang is on the road to recovery.

In the programmes, which enjoyed a peak-hour viewing slot, Sir John ploughed his way through company balance sheets and interviewed everyone from top bosses to office boys. A middle manager at one company said afterward: "It was like having a visit from Hercule Poirot." Agatha Christie's famous sleuth.

In the second half of each programme Sir John said bluntly what he thought was wrong, and what needed to be done.

Other concerns given the Harvey-Jones "treatment" were a fruit juice company, a maker of hand-crafted sports cars, a tableware manufacturer, a computer company, and the Shropshire district health authority.

"My primary aim was to help the organisations I visited. I am extremely happy that in most cases the programmes have resulted in better

performance," Sir John says. "I am sorry if I have hurt some feelings, but in each case I was invited in. The management knew what to expect."

If they did not, they had spent the past few years ignoring one of the most spectacular success stories in British industry. Sir John took over the chairmanship of Imperial Chemical Industries, Britain's most powerful company, in 1982 when it had just recorded its first-ever quarterly loss.

Within two years he had gotten rid of a third of the ICI management, halved the size of the boardroom to make discussion more informal, shortened lines of command, reduced the company's commitment to petrochemicals — and charged a £1.6 million loss into a £1 billion profit.

Sir John describes himself as "a taker of acceptable risks" and an absolute believer in the individual. "He is sympathetic to trade unions and does not count himself a supporter of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"I mastered nine jobs at ICI in the 18 years it took me to reach the top. They were all jobs in which I had to sort out problems and succeed. I am now using what I learned then to analyse reasons for poor company performance and come up with solutions," says Sir John.

Without his career in the Royal Navy, he might not have become such a believer in the need to liberate managers from routine thinking and encourage initiative. "The constraints on individuality were Draconian," he says. "They even told us what clothes to wear off duty."

The remarkable thing is that such a restless character was able to accept service discipline for so long. His early life seemed tailor-made to produce an exotic, extrovert personality.

Sir John's father was an Indian Army officer who in the 1920s was ordered to guard the infant Maharajah of Dhar. This meant that little John lived in a palace. "I even had my own elephant. It was a life of absolute luxury."

Eventually it had to end, and after boarding school in England Harvey-Jones joined the navy and saw service in World War II. He was decorated for his work naval intelligence.

It was only in 1956, when his young daughter Gabrielle fell ill, that Sir John decided to hang up his Royal Navy cap and opt for life on shore. He took a job with ICI as a work-study officer.

Sir John's media image as an energetic Mr Fixit began to burgeon when, after retiring from ICI in 1987, he published a best-selling book called "Making it Happen." His TV series developed out of the forthright arguments deployed in the book.

One of his most controversial broadsides in the Troubleshooter series was directed at Apricot Computers, a British company launched in the 1970s with initial success.

US to streamline food fund

WASHINGTON, July 30, (Kuna): In what may lead to sweeping changes in America's chief humanitarian food aid programme, Congress yesterday was considering "streamlining" it to avoid current mismanagement and get the food to the neediest countries.

Speaking of the 25-year old, \$1.5 billion "Food for Peace" programme, House Select Committee on Hunger chairman Tony Hall said, "the present programme has so many bureaucratic and political players that it usually serves political ends before it works to end hunger."

And, in comments to the New York Times, former Food for Peace acting director Owen Cykla accused the programme of being "a slush fund of the State Department to meet political requirements around the world."

One-third of all the US food aid goes to nations like Morocco that have no food shortages, according to congressional testimony, while others like Angola that suffer severe malnutrition get very little.

The US has provided so-called "covert" support to rebels fighting the Marxist Angolan government.

Treating work stress Japan's special clinics

TOKYO, July 30, (Kuna): Japanese companies demand that their employees put more hours into their jobs, causing many of them to fall apart due to exhaustion.

Complying with public demands to deal with this growing problem, so-called "stimulation of the brain" clinics, which brag about their modern equipment to treat victims of work stress, were created all over the Japanese capital.

The clinics include cozy reclining chairs, audio equipment for easy listening music and dim lights, in addition to television monitors.

Owners of these clinics claim that their equipment have been designed according to scientific ways to produce the alpha ray, which soothes the nerves of the most irritated customers.

Clinic clients are greeted at the door by boys in silver clothing to give the impression that they are from outer space.

US aid sought for 'Global Environment Fund'

MOBILE, Alabama, July 30, (Reuters): World Bank President Barber Conable yesterday asked US governors to lobby Washington to join a new \$1 billion fund to back regional projects such as easing acid rain and saving arable land threatened by expanding deserts.

Conable who spoke at the start of the National Governors' Association's annual meeting, said the World Bank hopes to begin the Global Environmental Fund as a three-year pilot project with backing already pledged by Britain, France and West Germany and more limited support from Japan.

The governors have made improved environmental protection and education their top priorities in the three-day meeting which ends tomorrow in this Gulf of Mexico

port city.

The bipartisan US governors' group, noting that Americans produce more waste than any other nation, recently called for a dramatic increase in recycling of waste and urged an international agreement to protect the atmosphere to counter climate changes.

Conable said the World Bank's new environmental fund would expand its programme of development loans to Third World countries which he said exceed \$20 billion annually.

The aim, he said, was for the Washington-based development financing group to support regional environmental projects in the world's poorest countries as well as in "middle-income nations," such as Brazil.

The US has provided so-called "covert" support to rebels fighting the Marxist Angolan government.

Pursue

The US government can pursue insider trading by foreign investors as long as trades are made on a US exchange. US investigators scour daily trading records looking for sharp jumps in trading volume of stocks, especially ones mentioned in takeover or merger talk.

If a spike up is apparent — as it was in the GTE, Rorer and Combustion Engineering deals — regulators quickly ask a federal judge to freeze trading accounts of those suspected of insider dealing.

In freezing more than \$4 million in two trading accounts in the Rorer deal, US District Judge Shirley Wohl Kram supported the government's use of circumstantial evidence. "The sudden and timely interest these defendants had in Rorer securities is suspicious and has not been adequately explained," she wrote.

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Loveshock!

How to recover from a broken heart

By Judy Byrne



One of the authors of Loveshock, Connie Church.

Stephen Gullo, Ph.D., the other author of the book Loveshock.

DISILLUSIONED wife Jennifer had reached the end of the road. She could no longer cope with her husband's broken promises and half-hidden infidelities.

As she waited for a telephone call from her husband at their Malibu mansion in California, she suddenly realised she was married not to a reality but to a hope.

Rick had been a rising young film director when they met. Now, 20 years and two children on, she moved into a hotel room and hung a "do not disturb" sign on the door.

Her children were away at boarding school. There was nothing to interrupt her total seclusion.

So she lived in the dark behind closed curtains, letting phone calls go unanswered. She did not know night from day. She rarely ate or slept.

Although Jennifer was the one who decided to leave, she was in what psychologist Stephen Gullo calls "loveshock".

Gullo, who has made a study of love and loss, specialises in helping patients like Jennifer to come to terms with the condition. Another person he helped was writer Connie Church, who went to him after her marriage collapsed.

Now Gullo, and Connie have collaborated on a book, *Loveshock — How to Recover from a Broken Heart and Love Again*, to help other people in loveshock to help themselves.

Gullo says: "Many of my loveshock patients come to me at the onset of their loveshock because they are unable to function and feel as if they are emotionally unwell. They are unable to concentrate and unable to sleep and they have a sense of hopelessness."

"This initial inability to function is a normal result of their shock and grief. In fact, they are surprised when I tell them that their emotional state is appropriate, that the reason they are in so much pain is that they are in touch with their loss. And that is healthy."

"Loveshock does not become pathological unless you try to repress it or inhibit it through denial or different forms of excess, such as drug and alcohol abuse. Failure to recognise and express your emotional pain can severely impair your psychological health and your ability to form new love relationships."

If the good news is that loveshock is normal and healthy, the better news is that Dr Gullo has discovered from his work with loveshock victims that its progress fits a predictable pattern.

People differ in how they experience each stage. For example, while Jennifer went into retreat from the world at the start, another patient tried to cope by plunging into an orgy of promiscuity. And different patients pass through the stages at different rates.

Gullo's stages are: shock, grief, setting blame, resignation (the "goodbye" stage), rebuilding and resolution.

SHOCK: This is when you feel numb, disorientated, and often disbelieving. You may have trouble eating and sleeping. You may feel like a zombie. And

probably when you look back on the experience, you will feel as Jennifer did: the weeks she spent locked in a hotel room are now like a distant blur in her memory. Shock insulates you from the full impact of the emotional trauma you are going through. It can last a day or a month. It rarely goes on longer. It ends when your emotions break through to the surface.

GRIEF: The grief, when it breaks through the shock, is not just for the lost person. It is for the shared time, and the dreams you dreamed together. For the future you no longer have together. In the grief phase, you are likely to be snappy with people around you. And you may have a compulsion to ring your old love, just to hear the sound of their voice again, then hang up. Depression often crops up in the grief stage. Jennifer sought help when she was stuck in the grief stage.

Working with Gullo she realised that she was afraid that, after 20 years of marriage, no one would want her. Painful as it was, he says: "Grief was the 'safest' place for her to be."

SETTING BLAME: When the grief dies down, it leaves people with a need to make sense of what happened. This is the "where did I/he/she go wrong" stage.

Anger is one of the strongest emotions at this phase. It might be directed at your ex-partner, or it might express itself in compulsive behaviour such as going on an alcohol or drug binge or in promiscuity. The transition between Grief and Setting Blame can follow a saw pattern, with patients moving back and forward between the two before they are ready to move on.

RESIGNATION — THE GOODBYE STAGE: This is a turning point. Says Dr Gullo: "It is the point at which you are able to say, 'This person is no longer in my life. I can spend my life mourning or

being angry, or I can push myself to go forward.'" It is another place where it is easy to become stuck — not least because you may feel too drained of energy by now to throw yourself into rebuilding.

REBUILDING: Once you have begun active rebuilding work, the worst is over. Your life is yours again. You are ready to start dating again. It was at this point Jennifer suddenly realised she was laughing a lot. She was going out with her friends and just enjoying her life. It was then that she met her second husband, Tony.

RESOLUTION: Your life is now back on course and you have actually learned by going through the loveshock stages. Even if you do not start a new relationship now, you will at least be more confident that you can create your own happiness and take care of yourself.

Dr Gullo knew Jennifer had reached the end of her journey when she came for a session with him and told him how she had seen her ex-husband Rick and his girlfriend having dinner in the same restaurant as she and Tony.

He admits that he thought she was going to go on to say she had caused a scene. But she did not. She told him: "I actually got up, walked across the room, and said hello to my ex-husband and introduced myself to his girlfriend. Can you believe it?"

"And do you know, I overheard her," says as I left. "That lady is a real class act. I could hardly believe my ears, but I felt a sense of pride and wholeness. And Tony was amazed by my courage."

Gullo told her: "Your loveshock is over. There is no need for you to continue therapy."

One of the techniques Gullo recommends to people working through the final stage of loveshock is what he calls self-monitoring. If you are

completely honest with yourself, he says, self-monitoring will alert you to any destructive patterns that you are forming.

You can do it by talking about your feelings into a tape recorder, keeping a journal, or making a list of the day's activities and how you felt while you were doing them. Or you can just set aside 10 minutes a day for an internal dialogue.

Then there is "thought-blocking". That is for when you start to think about your ex or wallow in self-pity. You must tell yourself "Stop," then shift your attention to something interesting or diverting.

The more you practise thought-blocking, he says, the more effective it becomes.

A note by the phone that says "STOP! DON'T CALL!" could help you overcome any temptation to call your ex and put back the clock — and your recovery. And a list of the positive aspects of your life taped to the bathroom mirror can remind you how much you have going for you.

Relaxation techniques can be useful. A safe — and non-addictive — method is needed to get through the bad patches. Some of Gullo's patients have used exercising, long hot baths, massage, dancing, deep breathing, painting, going to the pictures, playing a musical instrument or doing needlepoint.

Dr Gullo says loveshock can recur again and again — but the first dose is the worst. "People who have gone through all the stages of loveshock always grow stronger as a result of it," he says.

"Think of it as a strengthening of the emotional immune system."

But intimacy does not come easily after loveshock. Most men, whatever their age, have a period of impotency during and even after it. And most women go through a stage of running a mile from any sexual encounter.

Gentle does it, is the doctor's advice. If you are finding it difficult to re-integrate intimacy into your life, take it one slow step at a time. Do not move on to the next step until you are completely comfortable with the present one.

You could begin by simply holding hands.

And when love does come around again, it can come from the most surprising quarter — as Gullo's co-author, Connie Church, confesses. She and her husband are now working on rebuilding their relationship again.

She says: "As Dr Gullo explains, it is possible to re-unite with your partner during the rebuilding phase if there have been drastic changes of behaviour and both of you are willing to work at the relationship."

"Well, we have both made changes and we're working hard. But the ground rules have been changed. We've become more tolerant of each other's personal needs and created an entirely different relationship from what we had."

"I'm not afraid to love again. Love, no matter how brief, is a miracle to me."

• *Loveshock — How to Recover from a Broken Heart and Love Again* by Stephen Gullo, Ph.D., and Connie Church is published by Simon and Schuster, and costs £10.95.



Rene Anselmo looking at a model of his \$85 million satellite.

Anselmo's satellite upsets monopolies

By Phillipa Neave

GREENWICH, U.S.A. (WNL): What would you do if you had US \$85 million to spend? Build a skyscraper? Tour the world? That wouldn't be much fun," retorts Rene Anselmo. Instead, he chose to take a formidable risk by becoming the only individual in the world to own a satellite.

"I had to finance it myself, nobody else would," explains 64-year-old Anselmo, whose unusual career in the show-business and television world gradually led him along the path to outer space. The road has been far from smooth, and Anselmo is widely looked upon as the lonely champion challenging the giants of the satellite communications business, including INTELSAT, the international consortium that enjoys little short of a worldwide monopoly.

Anselmo had more than \$85 million riding on the Ariane rocket launched in June 1988 by the European consortium that propels commercial loads into space. At the time the space launch industry was in trouble: the Americans had cancelled all launches after the Challenger shuttle disaster, and the Europeans had suffered a series of blowups at the Ariane space base in Kourou, French Guiana. "I did it at a time when everything was going wrong," Anselmo notes, puffing on one of the 60 or so cigarettes he smokes every day. "It's a very risky business which I consider to be greatly based on luck; you're lucky to get a successful launch, and once it's up there, you're lucky if [the equipment] works. For the average investor, this is not a thrilling opportunity."

Most people would say that he was pushing his luck. The enormity of the risk is enough to send shivers down anybody's spine, because on top of it all his satellite was underinsured. "It was an \$85 million risk and I could only afford to buy \$40 million worth of insurance, and the premium for that cost \$10 million, so we were risking \$45 million on the launch. But that's luck," Anselmo seems to have a fair share of it. While most of his wealth was being catapulted into space to end up floating over Brazil some 22,000 miles above the equator, the man was undergoing his second major coronary bypass operation.

You would have to say he is resilient. He must be to keep up a two-year battle against what has become one of the world's most powerful cartels. When it was set up in 1962, INTELSAT, which now has 118 member countries, was designed to be a non-profit international communications network that would make satellite-carried television, data and telecommunications available to all. Countries generally join INTELSAT through their state-owned telecommunications monopolies. "It's a monopoly of monopolies," contends Anselmo. Today, the network is dominated by its most powerful members — COMSAT of the US, British Telecom International (BTI), West Germany's Bundespost, France's Telecom and Japan's KDD.

In most countries, the state-owned post and telecommunications monopolies are the only bodies authorised to handle satellite traffic, whether sending a signal up or bringing it down. They are also free to charge whatever they choose for their services. Says Anselmo: "The telephone company is the only one authorised to bring that signal down, so the markup goes from 500 per cent to 1000 or even 1500 per cent."

"Before we came along, (while) a TV signal in the US would cost \$175 to bring down for the first 10 minutes, in Argentina, it costs \$1,000. When you consider the economies of the two countries, that's

an excessive rip-off," he adds.

The main thrust of Anselmo's PanAmSat project centres on serving South America with links to the United States and Europe. With an army of lawyers, Anselmo took his project to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to fight the Intelsat monopoly. When in 1985 the FCC eventually ruled in favour of free competition and authorised private satellites, Anselmo had opened the first crack in the system. His became the first privately owned satellite in operation.

Since then, others have moved to denounce state monopolies. After months of research, the London Financial Times recently published a series of articles pointing to a system that, it said, "is distorting the development of virtually every branch of industry." The author, Hugo Dixon, wrote that "telephone users around the world are being overcharged by more than \$10 billion a year... as a result of cartel-like arrangements between the world's telephone companies which keep prices at an artificially high level."

Anselmo's point is that he can provide the same services as the public companies that control satellite communications but at considerably lower prices. For poorer countries, where the telecommunications infrastructure is in its infancy, satellites can be a lifeline to the rest of the world, he says.

Although satellites are linked to elaborate earth stations — a recipient or transmitter of the signal needs relatively little equipment. The key component is a satellite "dish." It can pick up a satellite signal that can carry thousands of telephone conversations, telex messages, and, like Anselmo's satellite, 36 TV channels as well as computer data. "It would cost the price of a dish, between \$5,000 and \$10,000, which would last you a lifetime," says Anselmo. "These countries could leapfrog the heavy infrastructure with satellite capacity."

Anselmo points to Peru as one nation which has made progress towards deregulation thanks to former president Alan Garcia. "It's wonderful to see what has happened," Anselmo says. "Garcia passed new legislation busting the state monopoly and saying that any broadcaster can up-link or down-link with his own capacity. Anybody can now provide telecommunications to rural areas, and they desperately need them."

His list of 80 or so clients who rent transmission capacity from PanAmSat includes some 80 TV stations, communications groups, banks and universities. Although many countries have grown to rely on fiber-optic cables to carry communication signals, many others cannot afford to lay the cables or, like Peru, are prevented from doing so by physical obstacles, such as mountains. "Fiber optics are very good but they can't do what satellites do. You can't go and throw cables in the Amazon jungle, but you can plant a dish there," Anselmo notes.

However strong his optimism, he does admit to some difficulties ahead. PanAmSat has another 12 years to go before it runs out of the fuel that keeps it in orbit, after which it will be useless. Meanwhile, expenses run high to maintain Anselmo's Alphatec Lycron Company, with a staff of 30, as well as the earth station in Florida. "We need \$160 million to break even, so we have to make another \$80 or \$90 million," he says.

But Anselmo remains undaunted. Having made his fortune in the 1960s by building up America's first and largest Spanish-language television network in collaboration with Mexican media magnate Emilio Azcárraga, he has plans for two more satellites.

Birka discovery changes Viking image

Hooligans abroad, family men at home

BIRKA, Sweden, (Reuters): Away from home, the Vikings had a reputation as the world's first international hooligans — savage, uncouth, thirsting for drink and a fight.

Back in Scandinavia, they were considered good family men who respected their women and led quietly industrious lives, with a taste for imported pottery and soft feather bedding.

The Vikings had a peaceful sub-structure in Scandinavia, but were warlike abroad," said Bjorn Ambrosiani, project director of a five-year excavation which has just begun at Birka in the Mälaren valley 30 km (18 miles) west of Stockholm.

Archaeological discoveries in the last 150 years have steadily transformed the Viking's image from that of heroic warrior to peaceful trader.

Ambrosiani's dig at Birka on the idyllic island of Björko, the largest Viking excavation of its kind, seems sure to strengthen the idea of a civilised Viking living in harmony with his neighbours and with nature.

The daily Dagens Nyheter, reviewing a Viking exhibition in Malmö, said the Vikings were now ready to join the European Community (EC).

This year's image is of a cultivated trader and city dweller with international contacts, rather than a rough bearded fellow looking for a drink and a fight. He is a family man compatible with the EC," it said.

But memories of blood and thunder remain. Reading the runestones scattered round the shores of the Mälaren valley, a visitor senses the terror which an appra-

rises above the 2,000 burial mounds which make this the largest funeral site in Scandinavia.

Silver pendants in the form of crosses have been found in some graves, suggesting their owners were Christians. But other burial mounds contained hammers and iron neck-rings dedicated to the pagan god Thor.

The struggle between Christianity and paganism ebbed and flowed on Birka. The islanders responded to Ansgar but soon tired of his successor Gautbert's preaching and chased him away.

Birka, the cardinal point where Swedish urban life, industry and trade began, is attracting thousands of day-trippers aboard modern ferries from Stockholm this summer.

The most common adverse reactions are flu-like symptoms including fever, chills and malaise.

Clinical studies showed an average, complete response rate (that is no recurrence of tumors) of 74 per cent, as compared to 42 per cent with Adriamycin, another cancer fighting drug.

Questions: Although many doctors were unable to diagnose a very peculiar skin rash, I finally met a doctor with a gimmick that did the trick. He took me in a dark room, and used a special light on me that made the rash glow in the dark. Within a few seconds he had the answer! I had spent months looking for. Now, can you tell me about that magic light? I'm afraid that my doctor was better at using the lamp than explaining how it works, so it is up to you.

Answer: The name of the "magic lamp" is Wood's Light that produces black light that is invisible to the eye. Using a mercury vapour source, the light passes through a special nickel-chromium oxide silica filter that transmits long wave ultraviolet radiation. Certain materials, as well as fungi and bacteria (including pseudomonas), "fluoresce" — they glow under this light, and can be easily detected. The same light is responsible for many special effects used in theatrical productions.

This technique is useful in recognizing the differences in skin pigmentation, as well as pigmented lesions. Many of the organisms fluoresce in different colours, with tinea versicolor showing up a golden yellow, and pseudomonas ranging from aqua green to blue. The screening works best if the patient has avoided bathing for 24 hours, and when the room is totally dark. Once the Wood's Light has detected the problem, other tests may be used to confirm the diagnosis.

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a factor in the comic strip that when Gould finally ran out of ideas for further Flatop felonies, the cartoonist killed him off.

Tracy was not to meet a worse scoundrel even to this day.

Flowers and notes of condolence were sent

Dear Junior readers,
With no more homework to do, a lot of you go down to play in the public parks or on the premises of your buildings. While you are enjoying yourselves riding your bikes, roller-skating, playing hide and seek or catch or even just sitting chattering, you do not realise the intensity of the heat.

Kuwait's summers are very hot and if you are not careful you can easily get a sunstroke (meaning a few days rest in bed). I do not think that you will want that to happen, do you?

To avoid getting sunstroke in the sun. If you are on the seaside or in a park make sure you sit under an umbrella. If you are

downstairs put on a cap or straw hat. If you are planning to stay out for long try to keep a bottle of cold water nearby so that you can keep yourself cool.

Avoid staying outside between noon and 4pm. This is the prime time for sunstroke.

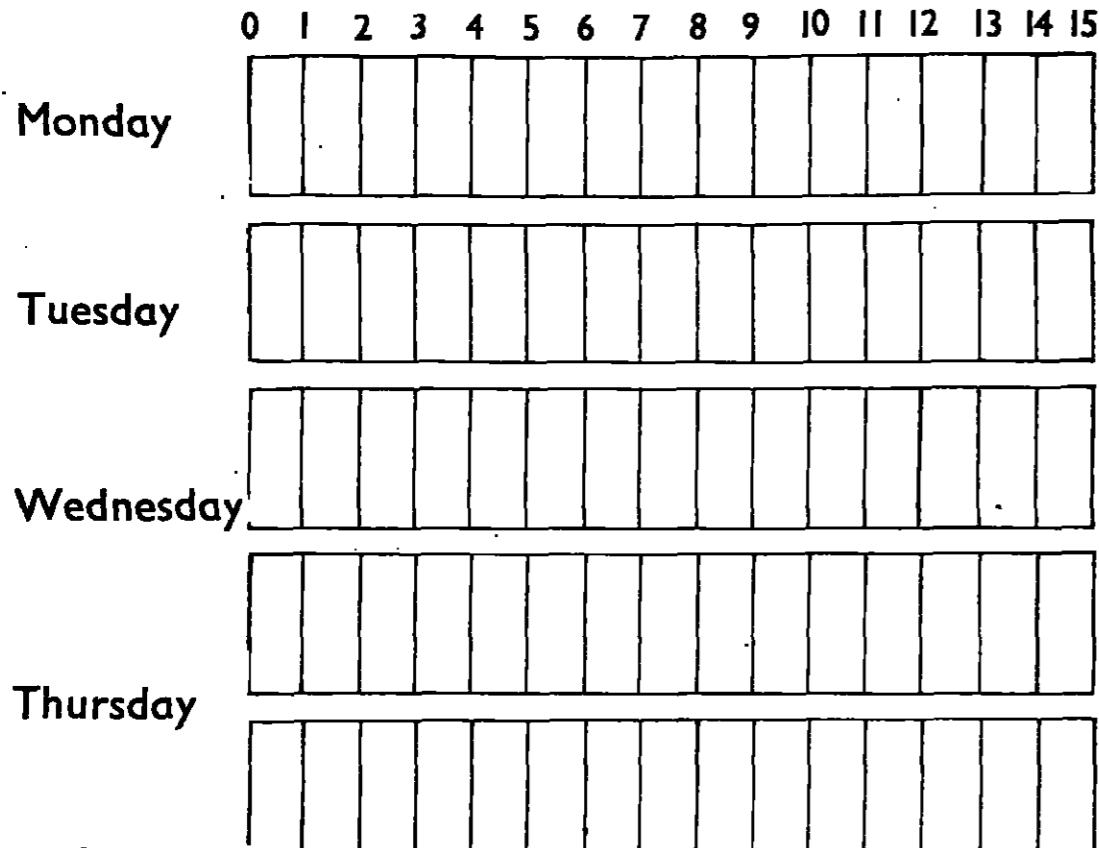
The symptom of sunstroke is an uncomfortable, numb headache. You will probably

begin to feel that your brain is exerting pressure on your nose and mouth. If you are unfortunate and feel the symptoms, go home immediately and relax in a moderately cool atmosphere. If there is no improvement or you get worse, inform an adult straight away.

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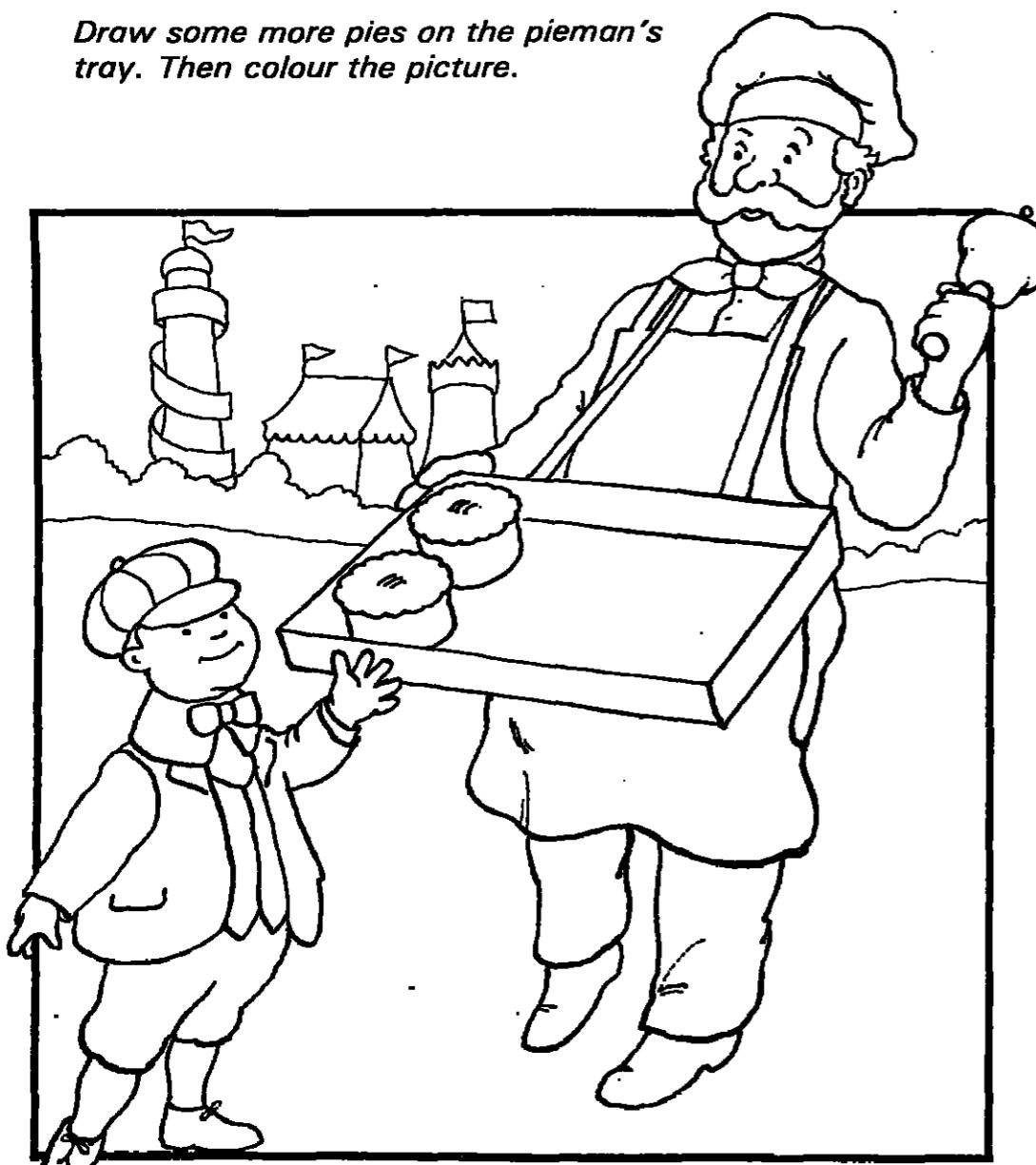
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Simple Simon met a pieman,
Going to the fair.
Said Simple Simon to the pieman,
"Let me taste your ware."

Draw some more pies on the pieman's tray. Then colour the picture.



FIRSTS AND LASTS

Football was first played by the Chinese in about 350 BC. It was called 'Tsu Chu.' It was played in England from the twelfth century but no rules were used until 1846.

The world's first zip was officially recorded as a new invention on the last day of March, 1896. The inventor was Whitcomb L. Judson of Chicago.

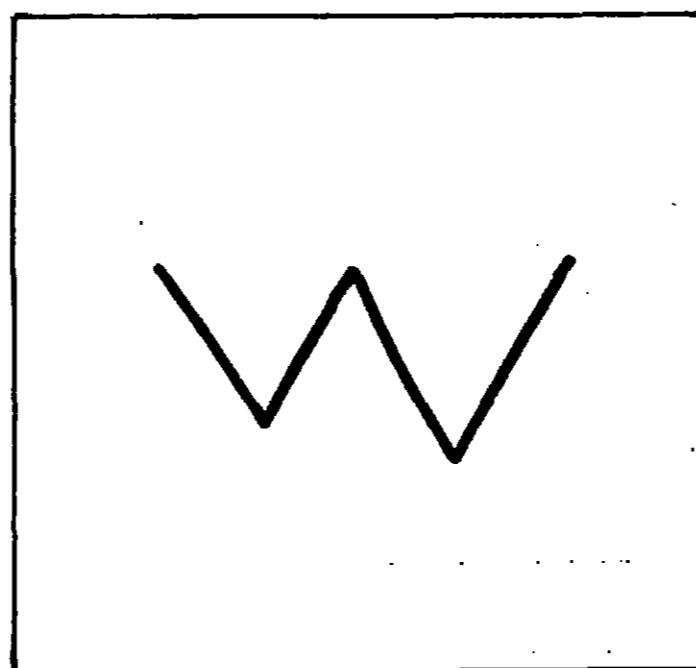
In 1709 the first recorded ascent in a hot air balloon took place in Portugal -- inside the Casa da India.

When a panda is first born, it only weighs 113 grammes (four ounces) and is smaller than a mouse.

John Walker, the inventor of the first match, felt that his invention was so vital to the public that he did not patent it and so earned no money from his important discovery.

Draw and colour

Look at the lines in the boxes. Draw a picture using the lines as part of your picture. After you finish your picture, colour it.



Just for laughs!

Halfway across the Atlantic Ocean, the captain of the airliner addressed the passengers. 'I regret to say, ladies and gentlemen,' he announced, 'that one of our engines has failed. This puts us in no danger, however, since the aircraft can function perfectly well on the remaining three engines. But it does mean that our arrival in New York will be delayed by one hour. That is all.'

A few minutes later a further announcement was made. 'I regret to say, ladies and gentlemen,' he explained calmly, 'that another of our engines has failed. There is still no danger, as this aircraft can function perfectly well on the remaining two engines. But it does mean that our arrival in New York will be delayed by two hours.'

Half an hour later the passengers heard their captain yet again. 'I regret to say, ladies and gentlemen, that yet another of our engines has failed. There is still no danger whatsoever, as this aircraft can function perfectly well on one engine only. But it does mean that our arrival in New York will be delayed now by three hours.'

'I hope the fourth engine doesn't pack up as well,' said one passenger to another, 'or we'll be up here for ever!'

'When I was on holiday at the seaside last year a crab bit off one of my toes!'

'Which one?'
'Dunno — they all look alike to me.'

Desmond was making his very first journey by rail. He sat googly-eyed in a corner seat watching the landscape flash past, and laughed with glee as another train went whooshing by. His train then stopped at a signal light and another train went rushing by in the opposite direction.

'Oooh, look, Mum!' he cried, 'it came back!'

Three men were walking in the woods when one of them spotted something in the undergrowth. He bent down to pick it up — and saw that it was a pigeon's eye! He put it in his bag and the three men continued their walk. A little further on the second man spotted something in the undergrowth. He bent down to pick it up — and saw that it was a fresh salmon! He put it in his bag and the three men continued their walk. A little further on still and the third man spotted something in the undergrowth. He bent down to pick it up — and saw that it was a little pile of human fingers! He put them in his bag, and as the three men emerged from the woods they met the gamekeeper. 'What have you got in your bags?' he asked suspiciously, to which they replied, 'Bird's Eye Fish Fingers!'

Count on 11 (ten and one)

Use an abacus or rods to help you.

$$26 + 11 = 37$$

$$2(10) + 6$$

$$\text{add } 1(10) + 1$$

$$3(10) + 7$$

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+ 1	• •
2	• •
3	7

$$26 + 11 = \square$$

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$$6 + 11 = \square$$

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$$14 + 11 = \square$$

$$20 + 11 = \square$$

$$11 + 11 = \square$$

$$43 + 11 = \square$$

$$8 + 11 = \square$$

$$48 + 11 = \square$$

$$31 + 11 = \square$$

$$85 + 11 = \square$$

$$35 + 11 = \square$$

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$$37 + 11 = \square$$

$$62 + 11 = \square$$

Did you know

X-certificate films were first introduced in Britain in 1951.

The last time a lance was used as a weapon in the British cavalry was as recently as 1927.

The Greek god 'Pan' first gave the name of panic to the English language. He was the god of shepherds and used to jump out and frighten tired travellers, so the word 'Panic' came to mean sudden fear.

Parking metres were first introduced in the American state of Oklahoma in 1935.

On 19th September, 1897, a taxi driver, George Smith, became the first motorist in Britain to be convicted of drunken driving.



The frogs, unhappy at having no ruler, sent messengers to Jupiter, the king of the gods, asking him to give them a king of their own. Seeing their foolishness, he stuck a block of wood into the middle of their pond. At first the frogs were terribly frightened, and dived down to the bottom. But after some time had gone by and they saw that the piece of wood didn't move, they lost their fear of it and were so disrespectful that they walked on it and sat on it. Wanting someone better, they sent to Jupiter again, urging him to change their king. This time he grew angry with them and sent them a stork which caught them one by one and ate them up.

Moral: Rely on yourself and not so much on others.

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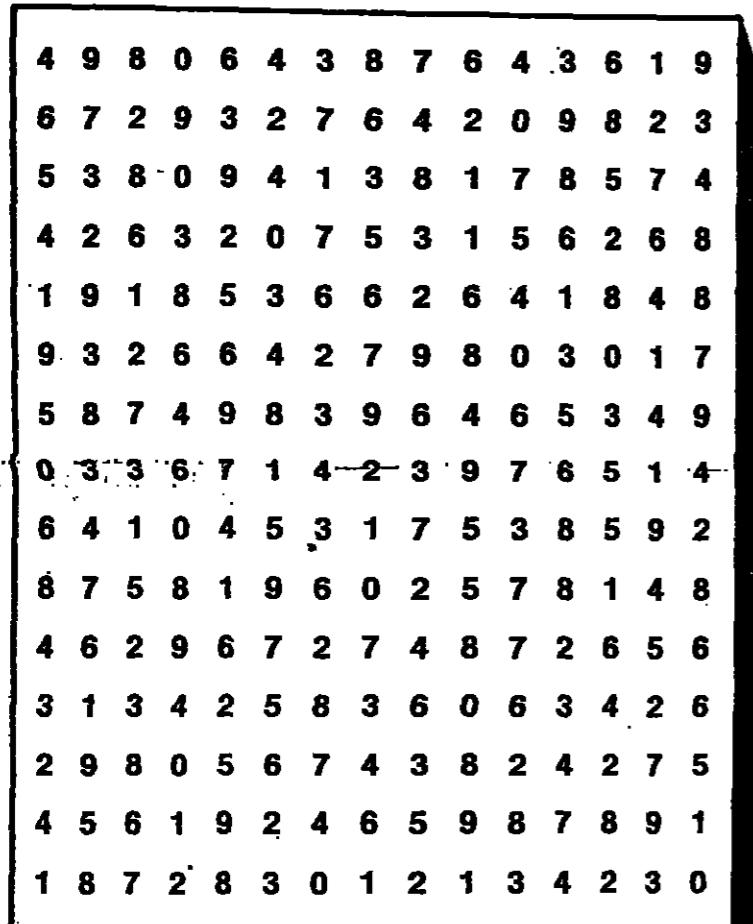


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6211	36814	60894	158469	932664



Wordsearch

NUTTY NUMBERS

Ha!

'Doctor, doctor! I feel I'm an apple!'
'Well, come over here — I won't bite you.'

'Doctor, doctor! I keep thinking I'm invisible!'
'Who's that?'

The Martians have landed

Four children were playing, down in the glen
David, Peter, Sarah and Ben
"The Martians have landed" one of them said
They all stood still, and looked, and stared
A bright light was shining above from afar
"It could be the lights of an oncoming car"
"But cars don't come down here," whispered Ben
David said: "It could be a helicopter then"
"What are they looking for?" Sarah did ask
While Peter just carried on with his task
Of building a den, made of sticks
And one or two available bricks
As the bright light came nearer, they hid behind trees
Sarah was trembling a bit, at the knees
It stopped just above and shone down on them
Down came a rope ladder, down to the glen
A man climbed half way and peered at the den
"Is somebody there? you must come out
Don't be afraid," the voice did shout
David, the eldest stepped into view
He looked at the man and said "who are you?"

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Series

How many balls are in the air? How many are on the ground? How many are in the basket? How many balls are there altogether?



Happy birthday



Meera Karunani turned 5 on July 27.



Hilton Jacob turned 2 on July 27.



Frank D'Souza turns 12 on August 1.



Hetal Panchal turns 9 today, July 31.

Amazing facts

In the Solomon Islands lengths of vegetable fibre plaited with flying fox teeth were used as money.

The last British king to take part in a battle was George II at the Battle of Dettingen in 1743.

Anna Karenina, heroine of Leo Tolstoy's book, died in a railway station. In 1910 Tolstoy himself died in a railway station.

State Treasurer of Texas in the 1930s was a 3-foot-9-inch midget.

In Killarney, Ireland, at the Eagle's Nest Cave, you will be told that if you sound a bugle note there you will hear it repeated at least a hundred times.

The Portuguese Man-o'-War (jelly-fish) is not one single animal but a colony of small animals.

Between 1500 and 1600 the stock of precious metals in Europe trebled.

The diprotodon (or giant wombat) lived in Australia 500,000 years ago in large numbers. It was the same size as a rhinoceros.

In Norway many cottages have grass roofs.

There are known to be 1000 million galaxies in the universe — there may be many more.

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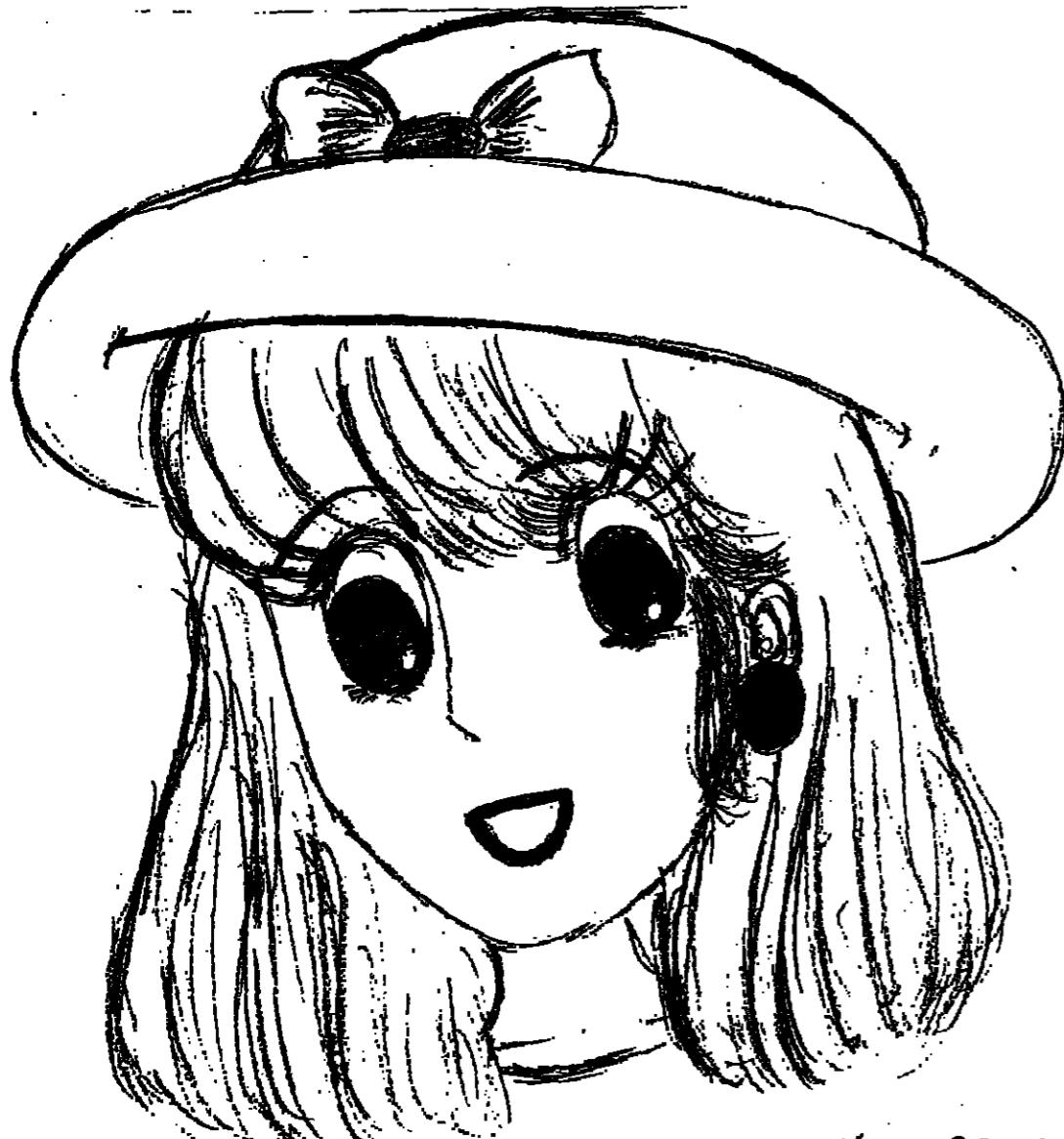
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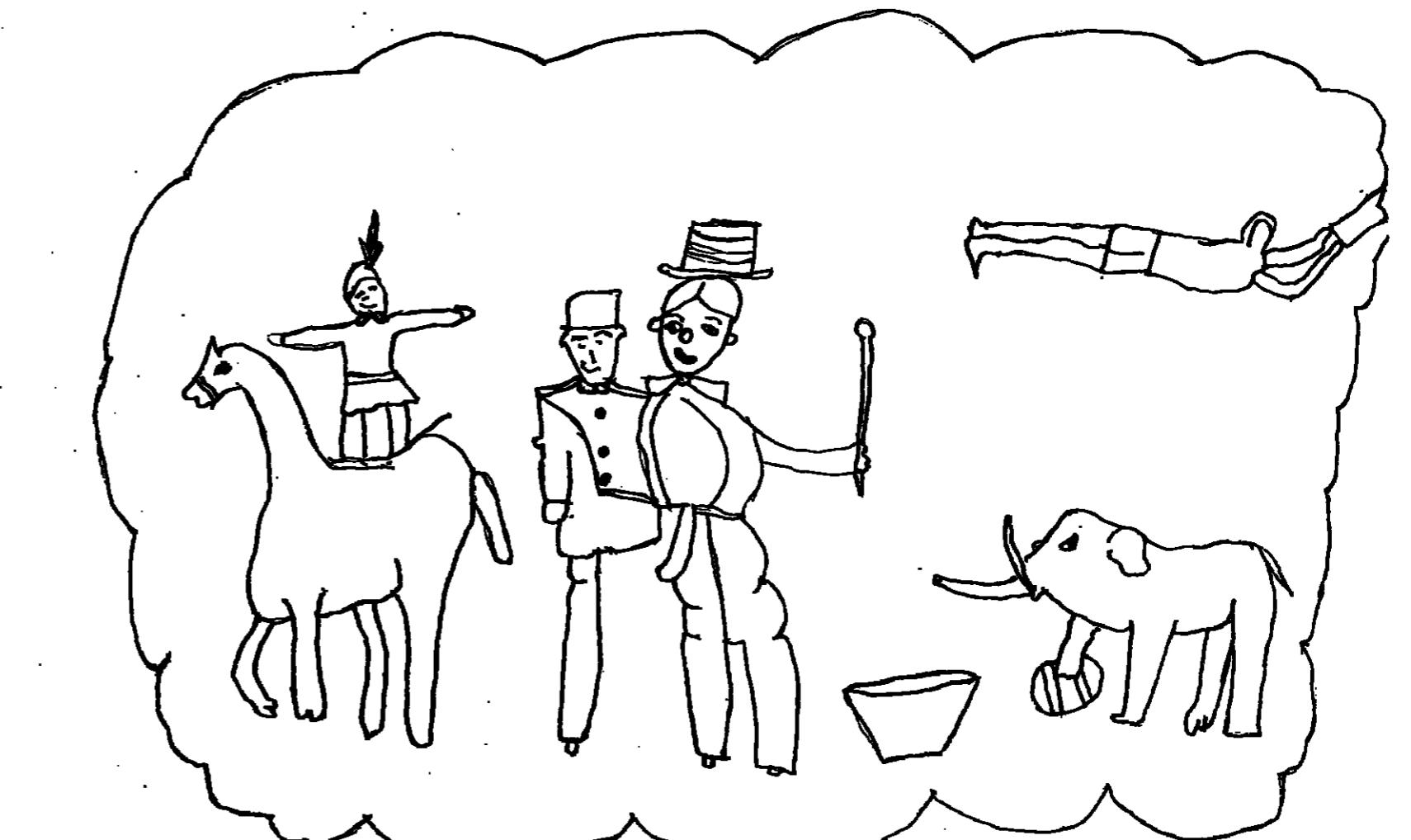
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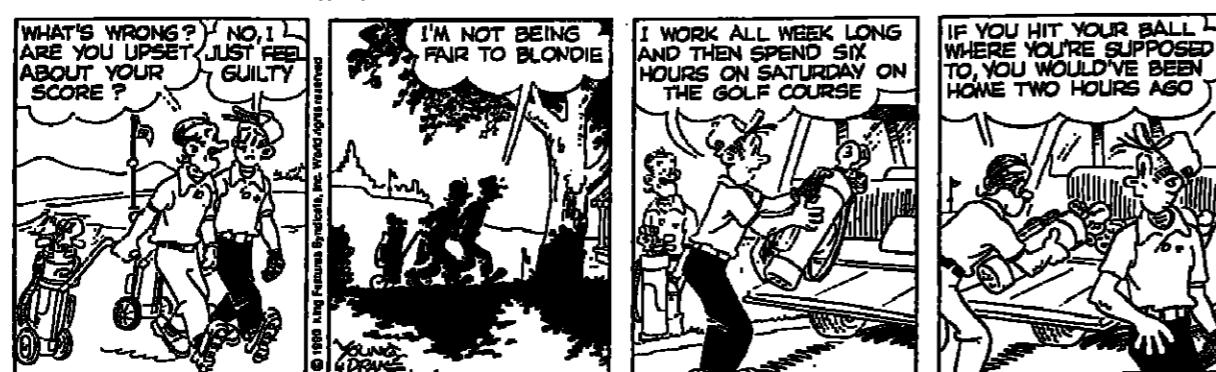


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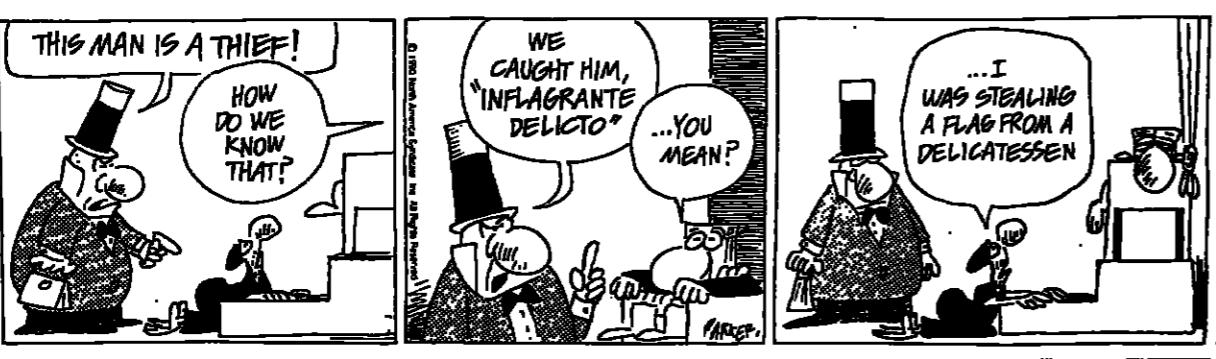
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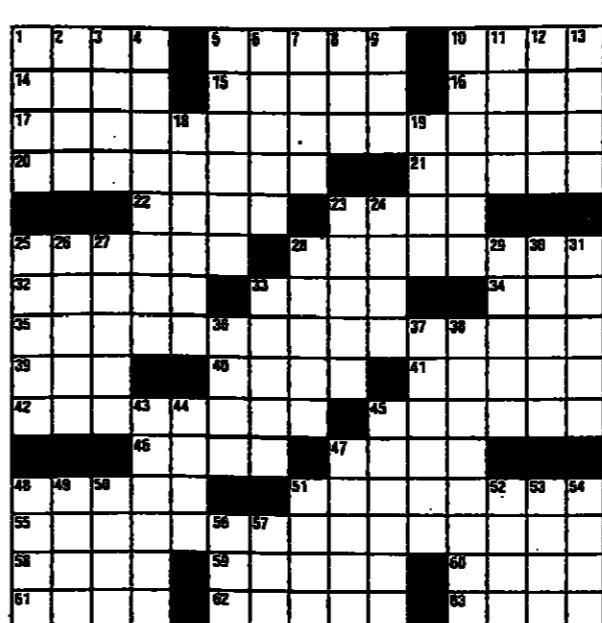
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WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South hold:
♦ 1052 ♦ 78 ♠ K8753 ♣ 9874
you hold:
♦ KQ7 ♠ AJ93 ♠ K843 ♠ KJ
West North East South
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ ?
1 ♠ Dbl Rdbl ?
What action do you take?

Q.2—East-West vulnerable, as South hold:
♦ Void ♠ AKQ54 ♠ Q876 ♠ J752
The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♠ Dbl Pass 2 ♠ ?
3 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ AJ2 ♠ 76 ♠ 953 ♠ AJ872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ AJ2 ♠ 76 ♠ 953 ♠ AJ872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South hold:
♦ 6 ♠ A84 ♠ Q1095 ♠ KQJ63
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♦ AJ2 ♠ 76 ♠ 953 ♠ AJ872
The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♠ ?
What action do you take?

COMPLAINTS

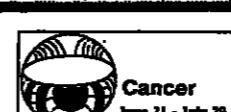
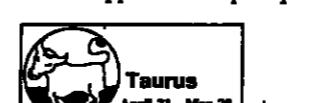
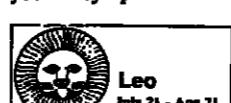
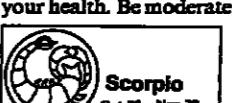
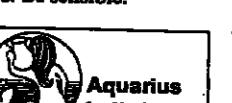


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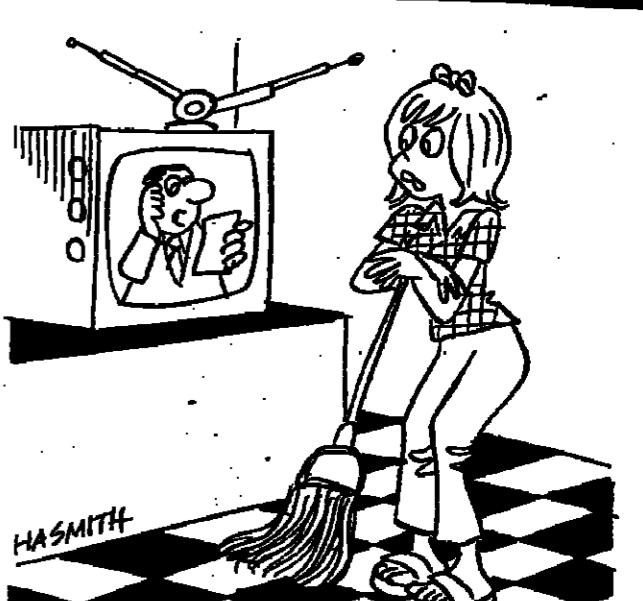


"It's OK for you. You only see them when they're first, not ready for bed!"

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Oct. 23 - Nov. 22Aquarius
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US beat Soviets for Cup

ATLANTA, July 30. (Reuters) The United States successfully defended the Federation Cup when Zina Garrison and Gigi Fernandez combined to win a tense deciding doubles match against the Soviet pair of Natalia Zvereva and Larisa Savchenko yesterday.

The 6-4 6-3 victory over the more experienced Soviet pair, the number two doubles team in the world, gave the top-seeded United States a 2-1 win over the fourth-seeded Soviet Union after the two countries had split their singles matches.

Zvereva, ranked 12th in the world, beat the fifth-ranked Garrison 4-6 6-3 6-3 after 14-year-old Jennifer Capriati had defeated Leila Meskhi 7-6 (7-3) 6-2.

The United States has now won half of the 28 Federation Cups, the women's equivalent of the Davis Cup.

In a doubles match that saw many exciting points with both teams firing at point-blank range across the net, neither side held serve until Garrison did it at love to put the Americans up 4-3. Fernandez also held 5-4 and Savchenko, who held only once during the entire match, was broken for the 6-4 first-set result.

The Americans led 3-1 and 5-2 in the second set and converted their first match point at love in the ninth game of the second set as Zvereva appeared to fire in the hot Georgia sun more than Garrison after their hour, 55 minutes singles match.

Holders

The Soviet pair, winners of the 1989 French Open and holders of nine doubles titles, had lost to Garrison and Fernandez in their only other meeting.

After the match, Fernandez, 26, was asked if she had ever felt so excited on a tennis court. Fernandez replied: "Never, ever. This is great, the best feeling."

Fernandez was the glue that held the American together, during the match and even before. Garrison said she had been "pretty down" after her singles loss, but "Gigi told me to relax and we were going to win the doubles."

In the singles Garrison, who lost to Martina Navratilova in this year's Wimbledon final, did nothing to erase her reputation as being unable to win the big matches, although at Wimbledon she had beaten Helena Sukova, Monica Seles and world number one Steffi Graf to get as far as she did.

In the quarter-finals here, Garrison had also lost to Czechoslovakia's Jana Novotna before redeeming herself with a doubles win.

Garrison, 26, looked to be on track, when in the fourth game of the first set and facing double break point, she won the next nine points to hold serve and break her 19-year-old opponent at love. That put her up 4-2 and she closed the set out at 6-4.

But in the second set she held serve only once while being broken four times and the clever Russian player held twice for a 6-3 second set.

Waving

In the third set, Garrison fell behind to Zvereva 0-4 and could not climb back into the match despite exhortations from the US crowd and Capriati, who stood waving her fist and leading the chants of "USA, USA."

Garrison held off one match point on her own serve in the eighth game of the set in the next game netted a backhand on the second match point to lose to Zvereva for the second time in five meetings.

The 13th-ranked Capriati, in her first match with the 25th-ranked Meskhi, won in just under 1-1/2 hours.

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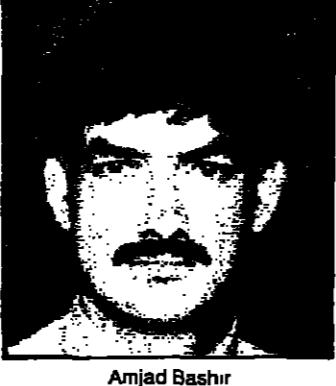
MILLAT Cricket Club defeated Sharq Gymkhana by one wicket in a Ramli Summer Cricket Tournament match at the Ramli ground earlier this week.

Millat won the toss and put Sharq Gymkhana into bat. Sharq Gymkhana started their innings disastrously, losing five wickets in just five overs for only 30 runs.

Gymkhana's tailenders, however, managed to take their team to 112 in 23 overs. Amjad Bashir and Iqbal Lohdi were the



Parvez Ali



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Sanchez opts out of event

MONTREAL, July 30. (UPI) Arantxa Sanchez Vicario has withdrawn from the \$600,000 Player's Challenge women's tennis tournament, forcing a redraw of the main singles event scheduled which began today.

The young Spaniard suffered an ankle injury Saturday at the Federation Cup competition in Atlanta.

Sanchez Vicario, 18, had been seeded third in the Player's Challenge. The withdrawal follows the announcement Saturday that second-seeded Monica Seles was withdrawing due to a wrist injury suffered in practice a day earlier. World Tennis Association rules stipulate that should two of the top four seeds withdraw from a match, the event must be redrawn.

Garrison, 26, looked to be on track, when in the fourth game of the first set and facing double break point, she won the next nine points to hold serve and break her 19-year-old opponent at love. That put her up 4-2 and she closed the set out at 6-4.

But in the second set she held serve only once while being broken four times and the clever Russian player held twice for a 6-3 second set.

Waving

In the third set, Garrison fell behind to Zvereva 0-4 and could not climb back into the match despite exhortations from the US crowd and Capriati, who stood waving her fist and leading the chants of "USA, USA."

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New Zealand's winning team. From left: Andrew Scott, Tait, Nicholson and Todd. (Reuter wirephoto)

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A third New Zealander, Olympic champion Mark Todd, rode one of the few clear rounds on Bahluha and finished fifth overall.

Defending champion Virginia Leng of Britain, who finished in 48th place after a fall in the cross-country on Saturday, was quick to congratulate the winning

Arabs to back Morocco bid for 1998 Cup

TUNIS, July 30. (Kuna) Arab youth and sports ministers, who wound up two days of deliberations here last night, have decided to back Morocco's bid to host the 1998 World Cup.

The ministers also agreed to form a follow-up and support committee, which includes among its members deputy chairman of Fifa Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed Al Sabah and chairman of the Arab Federation for sports at the Fifa Prince Faisal Bin Fahd.

The Council of Arab Youth and Sports Ministers decided to observe Dec 8 of every year as a day of solidarity with the Palestinian uprising.

It also endorsed 'No drugs' as the slogan for the coming sports season.

The conferees agreed to hold the 7th Arab Games in Damascus from November 16 to 30 and the Arab Scholastic Tournament in Tunis next summer.

As for the Arab sports dictionary, the council agreed to sponsor seminars, in which physical education institutes and colleges take part, as well as sports federations' officials and umpires to explain the dictionary's contents.

The elections of the council's executive bureau were postponed until the bureau's meeting in January 1991.

Despite knocking down the last fence in the closing show jumping, Tait finished with 55.15 penalty points and had little problem holding off Britain's Ian Stark on Murphy Himself.

Stark finished second with 60.85, a ride that also put Britain in second place in the team competition.

It was a great triumph for New Zealand who in 1986 saw team rider Tim Pottinger hold a commanding lead after the cross-country in Gawler, Australia, only to be eliminated due to a leg injury to her horse.

"Whatever we experienced in the past is eclipsed. This is a climax for eventing in New Zealand," said team chief Denis Pain.

American Bruce Davidson finished third with 70.25, putting the US team in fourth place behind West Germany.

Andrew Nicholson on Spinning Rhombus hit three fences but still came in fourth with 71.4 to help assure New Zealand of

World No.24 joins \$1 million club

Chang edges past Berger

TORONTO, July 30. (Reuters) Michael Chang won his first tournament title of '90 with a 4-6 6-3 6-7 (7-3) win over Jay Berger yesterday at the \$1.2 million Canadian Open Tennis Championships.

The 24th-ranked Chang's \$155,000 winner's cheque puts him in the \$1 million club for career prize money.

"It feels good," said the 18-year-old Chang, who should venture back into the top 10 with his win. "I think my first priority as far as tennis is concerned is not making money. My priority is to be the best in the world — the best I can be."

Wanted

The problem with the Berger-Chang combination appeared to be that neither player wanted to lose — but neither one seemed anxious to win.

The proof was in the two hours and 50 minutes it took to stage their centre-court performance in brutal 104-degree (F) temperatures.

Each game — indeed each point — between the two amounted to a marathon. In the time it took them to finish a single game other players could have played an entire set.

There were 12 service breaks in the match and an unbelievable 35 break opportunities overall. In the third set there were six breaks in 12 games. Even the tiebreaker had six mini-breaks in 10 points played.

Chang and Berger are both retrievers — willing to run any which way to recover the ball. Both will venture to the net when necessary, but it is Berger who tends to frequent the volley zone.

In the third set, Chang had a chance to go ahead 4-1 when he had four break points on Berger's serve. But the tenacious

Berger held serve. After two more breaks and both players holding, it was tiebreak time.

Berger tired in the tiebreak at the wrong times, which led to crucial errors. Berger double-faulted and hit a backhand volley wide to give Chang a 4-1 lead.

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SPORTS

Kalinina takes three more golds

Yugoslavs tame US for title



Boginskaya (right) congratulates Kalinina on her victory. Right, Andrade (left) of Brazil is pushed by Soviet Union's Ikonnikov in the Goodwill Games' basketball tournament's bronze medal match. The Soviets won 109-103. (Reuter wirephotos)



Duran wants to win world titles over 3 decades

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, July 30, (AP): Time might have taken its toll on a career that goes back to 1967, but Roberto Duran is aiming to set a record.

"I want to be one of the few Latin boxers to have fought in four different decades. If I win a title next year I will also be the only man to win titles in three different decades," Duran, 39, said at a recent boxing card. "Decades are what keep me in boxing."

The Panamanian, who has won four world titles, stopped Ken Buchanan for the lightweight title in 1972. He won the welterweight title in 1980 with a decision over Sugar Ray Leonard. He won two middle championships in the '80s.

Duran said that his next title will be a super middleweight crown. The super middleweights are a division that have attracted little attention until recently when both Tommy Hearns and Leonard won titles in that division. The two men are the only boxers to have won five world titles.

Luis de Cubas, Duran's promoter since 1987, said he's working to get the Panamanian a super middleweight tune-up bout for September in Taiwan against Crandall King.

Interested

The Miami-based De Cubas said that he is trying to arrange the bout through Seattle promoter Bill Wheeler, who recently tried to get promoter Don King interested in a Mike Tyson-George Foreman bout.

The next bout would hopefully be against WBC super middleweight champ Lindell Holmes, who at 32 is no youngster either.

"His handlers approached us about Holmes fighting Roberto," De Cubas said.

Duran said that if he wins his fifth title, he will defend the crown only once and then retire to become a salsa singer. He was accompanied here by salsa star Ismael Miranda.

In 1983, Duran, who had already been written off, stopped Davey Moore for the World Boxing Association junior middleweight crown.

Duran had another revival last year when he won by decision against Iran Barkley for the World Boxing Council. The victory opened the way for a rematch with Leonard in December 1989, which Duran lost by decision.

He is quick to add that he overtrained for Leonard, which left him with too little energy to beat his rival.

Duran might have to train hard to lose some extra baggage if he wants to get in the ring in September. He said the Taiwan bout would be at the 165-pound (74.7 kilo) limit. Duran says he now weighs 196 (88.8).

Barcelona win

TOKYO, July 30, (UPI): Spanish World Cup striker Julio Salinas scored two second-half goals yesterday to help Barcelona come from behind to beat the Japan Soccer League selection 4-2 in the JAL Cup Soccer '90.

Japan took a 14th minute lead through Koichi Hashiratani only to see Aitor Beguiristain equalize six minutes later.

Carlos Renato Federico restored the home team's advantage with a header three minutes into the second-half.



Canada's Randy Smith (centre) is checked by two Swedish players in their Goodwill Games match. Canada won 4-3. (Reuter wirephoto)

SEATTLE, July 30, (UPI): Team play and experience proved more valuable than individual stars last night at the Goodwill Games, resulting in a basketball gold medal for Yugoslavia and yet another disappointment for the United States.

The Yugoslavs claimed an 85-79 victory, highlighted by Toni Kukoc's three-point basket with 2:30 to play that slowed a US comeback. A fumbled pass by Doug Smith with less than a minute to play ended the United States' hopes.

Yugoslavia's triumph came on a day otherwise dominated by Soviet gymnasts and US cyclists and on which the United States baseball team kept its hopes alive for the gold medal by overwhelming Mexico.

All-around champion Natalya Kalinina added three golds to her haul, shooting the Soviet Union past the United States in the medal race with a full week left in the Goodwill Games. The US cycling squad claimed four of the five golds available.

Their success in gymnastics and weightlifting gave the Soviets a 140-124 medal lead over the United States. The Soviet Union also took the lead in golds, 52-50.

Away from the competition, meanwhile, police began searching for a Soviet amateur dancer who had come to Seattle as part of the Goodwill Games cultural exchange and who missed his flight home.

Aleksandr Kolupaev, 25, of Kirov did not board his scheduled flight Saturday afternoon and had not contacted his host family for more than 24 hours, said Clint Staaf of Seattle, Kolupaev's host.

The United States basketball team was hoping to avenge its loss in the 1988 Olympics and another setback to the Soviet Union earlier in these games. But fell on its face during the final 10 minutes.

The United States trailed by three at the half and, midway through the second period, it was still only a two-point Yugoslavian lead.

But the Yugoslavs ran off seven straight points, the last two coming when two US players accidentally tipped the ball into the basket while fighting for a rebound.

Yugoslavia's lead eventually grew to 11 before the United States ran off a seven-point streak to get within four with three minutes left. Kukoc then hit his three-point shot to stave off the United States.

The United States still had a chance for a win, however, trailing by three with less than a minute left and owning the ball. A pass from guard Kenny Anderson in the lane to Smith, however, slipped off Smith's hands and out of bounds — effectively ending the US chances.

Kalinina won the all-around gymnastics title Saturday night by beating world champion Svetlana Boginskaya in a battle of Soviet stars. Kalinina also was a member of the gold medal-winning Soviet team.

She came back last night to win three golds and a silver in the four apparatus finals. Boginskaya tied Kalinina in the floor exercise event to also win a gold and claimed a bronze on the beam. Kim Zmeskal of the United States captured bronzes in the floor exercise and uneven parallel bars.

And in the boxing ring, Eric Griffin, 22, of the United States continued his comeback from the low point of his career. He was stripped of his chance to compete in the Olympics two years ago for testing positive for marijuana. Griffin beat Alicia Bel of Venezuela.

Since his return to the US amateur boxing scene early last year, Griffin has dominated. He captured the world title and won the world championship challenge over Cuban Rogelio Marcelo earlier this year.



Kalinina performs one of her gold medal routines. (Reuter wirephoto)

Earnhardt triumphs in Diehard 500

TALLADEGA, Alabama, July 30, (AP): Dale Earnhardt outduled Bill Elliott over the last 50 laps to win the Diehard 500 at Talladega Superspeedway yesterday and move within one point of the Winston Cup lead.

The battle to the finish was decided by just 0.26 seconds, with Earnhardt's Chevrolet Lumina less than a car length ahead of Elliott's Ford Thunderbird.

Earnhardt's sixth victory of the season, and second on Talladega's 2.66-mile (4.3 kilometre) high-banked oval, gave him 2,508 points in the driver standings, one less than Mark Martin, who finished ninth. Martin came into the race leading by 48 points.

The leaders were racing through the third turn on the final lap when Ken Schrader and Jimmy Spencer, both lapped earlier, crashed in turn two.

Former champion

LONDON, July 30, (UPI): Tony Wilson, the former British light-heavyweight champion whose mother climbed into the ring to attack one of his opponents, is quitting Britain to re-build his boxing career in California.

The 29-year-old Wolverhampton fighter, who made two successful defenses of the British title before being knocked out in the second round by Tom Collins last year, is being provided with an apartment and a sponsor in Los Angeles.

Schrader hit the outside wall and Spencer flipped twice before landing on his wheels. Neither driver was injured and Spencer was able to get his battered car across the finish line.

That was only the third incident in the fifth-fastest race in Winston Cup history. Earnhardt, who led a race-record 134 of 188 laps, averaged 174.429 mph (280.66 kph), just shy of Lennie Pond's race record of 174.700 (281.1) in 1978.

Martin was Earnhardt's strongest challenger most of the day, but he fell from a close third to ninth when forced to make a quick stop for fuel 10 laps from the end.

That left the battle to Earnhardt and Elliott, who had been battling nose to tail since lap 148.

Elliott grabbed the lead on lap 151, but Earnhardt regained it on lap 169 and barely

held on to win his fourth Talladega race. He is the only three-time winner of this event.

Earnhardt, who now has 45 career victories, earned \$152,975, including a bonus of \$68,400 from Unocal for winning from the pole position. It was Earnhardt's first pole victory in three years.

In the four races this year — two here and two at Daytona International Speedway — where Nascar requires the use of Carburetor restrictor plates to slow its premier stock cars, Earnhardt led 519 of 736 laps and won three times.

The only one of those three-time Winston Cup champion didn't win was the Daytona 500, in which he shredded a tire while leading two turns from the end and wound up 14th.

Sterling Marlin was third yesterday, followed by Alan Kulwicki and Ricky Rudd.

Games diver feels remorse about fatal car accident

OCALA, Florida, July 30, (AP): Olympic diver Bruce Kimball, convicted of manslaughter two years ago for driving his car into a crowd and killing two teenagers, says he feels constant remorse about the accident.

"For a while, I've been wanting to come forward, but it's very difficult to talk about these things. I didn't take it as stride," Kimball told the Tampa Tribune in his first interview since being sentenced to 17 years in prison in January 1984.

"I want people to know that I am sorry for what I've done and I'm trying to make amends."

Kimball has served 14 months of his sentence for the Aug. 1, 1988 accident in Brandon that also injured six. He was legally drunk at the time his sports car rammed into the group.

Kimball pleaded guilty and never spoke publicly about his feelings -- leading families of the teenagers to believe he didn't care.

In an interview at Marion Correctional Institution, Kimball also said he was a drug abuser at the time.

"Primarily cocaine, marijuana and alcohol is what I used. I was cross-addicted to all those," the 27-year-old Kimball said. "I had quit cocaine cold turkey, but then I switched to alcohol and marijuana. I used it every day, several times a week. My lifestyle allowed me to do it."

The night of the accident, Kimball's blood-alcohol content registered 0.20, twice the level at which state law presumes a person to be intoxicated. Kimball said nine months of therapy in prison have helped him admit he had a drug and alcohol problem.

He also said he has been silent until now on the advice of his lawyers.

"By not saying anything, they (the public) thought I wasn't remorseful. But it's a daily struggle to deal with it," Kimball said. "There's not a day that goes by that I don't think about it."

Tore

A silver medalist in the 1984 Olympics, Kimball was training for the 1988 trials when he spent that August day drinking with a friend and his fiancee. As he was driving fellow diver Chuck Wade home, his car tore through the group of teenagers gathered at a dead end street. The car was going at least 70 miles (113 kilometres) per hour.

Kimball declined to talk about the night of the accident. But he admits his decision to compete at the Olympic trials in Indianapolis just two weeks later was seen by many people as terribly selfish.

"I can see where people would have trouble with that," Kimball said. "I'm not going to say it was the right or wrong thing to do. There's nothing to do change it."

April Bruffy, 21, has undergone 11 operations to repair a leg shattered in the accident. She can now walk without a limp and hopes to resume her career as an aerobics instructor -- but she said she'll never understand why Kimball kept silent.

"If I killed an animal, I'd cry. If I did something bad, I'd have to apologize 50 million times. But he's never said anything," Bruffy said.

Her mother, Rita, added: "Those two words, 'I'm sorry,' really would mean a lot. It was hard to understand him."

Kimball says he was thinking of the vicim when he abruptly ended his January 1989 trial by pleading guilty without taking the witness stand.

"I could see the hurt I put them all through, even my family," he said.

Farr-Jones may miss 2nd Test

WELLINGTON, July 30, (Reuter): Young Sydney halfback Andrew Cairns has joined the touring Australian rugby union team in New Zealand after captain Nick Farr-Jones suffered a hamstring injury in Saturday's game against Otago.

Australian team physiotherapist Greg Craig said today that Farr-Jones' type of injury normally took up to two weeks to heal, suggesting he will be fit for Saturday's second Test against the All Blacks. It also puts him in doubt for the third Test the following Saturday.

Cairns, 22, was included in the team to play North Auckland in Whangarei on Tuesday. This avoids risking injury to Peter Slattery. Farr-Jones' understudy on this tour.

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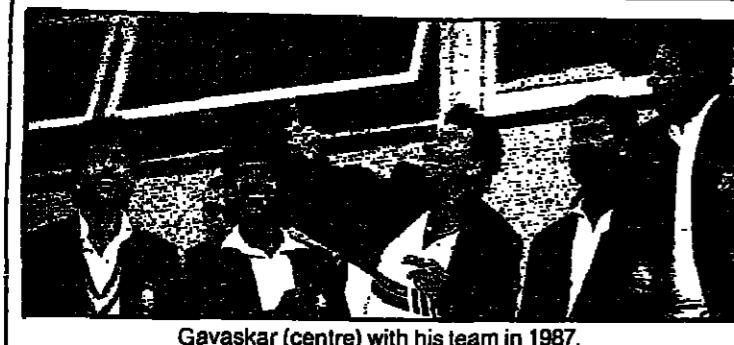
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Gavaskar turns down offer to become MCC life member

LONDON, July 30, (Reuter): Sunil Gavaskar confirmed today he had refused an offer to become a life member of the highly-prestigious Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) in protest at the "rudeness" of Lord's gentlemen.

The 41-year-old former Indian captain complained he had been "insulted

and humiliated" on at least two occasions by stewards.

In 1987, Gavaskar was refused re-entry to Lord's after leaving to collect his jacket from the team coach during a match between the Rest of the World and the MCC.

He ran into further trouble last week

while working for a national newspaper at the Test between England and India.

Having gone to the ground to hand in an article to a colleague he was detained at the gates for 20 minutes until finally recognised by a passer-by.

Lord's stewards are renowned for their rigid attitudes. One former player

once complained it was easier to score a century in a Test at Lord's than gain access to the ground.

MCC secretary Colonel John Stephenson said Gavaskar had cited "personal reasons" in his letter of refusal.

Col. Stephenson said: "I know everyone should know Sunil Gavaskar

but it's hard enough to get stewards anyway and virtually impossible to employ people who can recognise every famous cricketer."

"I suppose this matter may well be raised at a committee meeting but whether we approach Sunil again I don't know."

Gooch, Kapil send records tumbling

England turn the screw on India

LONDON, July 30, (Reuter): Graham Gooch and Kapil Dev kept the records tumbling on a fourth remarkable day in the high scoring first cricket Test between England and India today.

In a moment of high drama, Kapil smashed four explosive sixes off successive balls, the first time it had been done in a Test, to squeeze India past the follow-on total by just one run.

They were all out to the very next ball for 454 and then it was Gooch's turn to keep the statisticians occupied as England raced to 272 for four declared in their second innings.

That set India a massive 472 to win and by the close they had lost two wickets in scoring 57, still needing a further 415 in the final six hours play remaining tomorrow.

Gooch continued in the same magnificent style he showed in his epic in England's first innings, plumping 123 from only 113 balls to become the first player in first class cricket to score a triple century and

a century in the same match.

Arthur Fagg of Kent, who scored 244 and 202 not out in an English county championship match against Essex at Colchester in 1958, is the only man to have hit two double hundreds in the same match.

He also eclipsed the previous highest individual aggregate score in a test, achieved by Australian Greg Chappell, who totalled 380 against New Zealand in Wellington in 1973-74.

India began the day on 376 for six in reply to England's first innings 653 for four declared, still needing 78 to avoid being the follow-on.

Their hopes dimmed when they lost captain Mohammad Azharuddin for 121 adding only four to his overnight total.

When paceman Angus Fraser dismissed Kiran More and Sanjeev Sharma in quick succession India still required 24 more runs with only one wicket standing.

That was when Kapil took command and changed the whole complexion of the match in four exhilarating shots.

The previous record of three was shared by England's Wally Hammond against New Zealand at Auckland in 1932-33 and West Indian Sylvester Clarke against Pakistan at Faisalabad in 1980-81.

After playing the first two balls from off-spinner Eddie Hemmings defensively, he blasted the next four straight back over the bowler's head for 104.

Gooch showed his intention of going for quick runs immediately England began their second innings, racing to his half century from 60 balls. When he finally fell, lolting the ball into the covers, the England captain had hit four sixes and 13 fours.

He and Mike Atherton had put on 204 for the opening wicket at a rate of more than five runs an over. Atherton was dismissed three runs later for 72.

Faced with a daunting task in their second innings, India began disastrously, losing Navjot Sidhu for one, caught at short leg by John Morris off Fraser with only nine on the board.

Opening partner Ravi Shastri, century-maker in the first innings, fell 14 runs later, superbly caught

down the leg side by wicketkeeper Jack Russell off fast bowler Devon Malcolm.

Sanjay Manjrekar and Dilip Vengsarkar prevented any further disasters but a long final day loomed for the visitors in their attempt to avoid defeat.

Scoreboard

ENGLAND first innings 653 for four declared (G. Gooch 333, A. Lamb 139, R. Smith 100 not out).

INDIA first innings (overnight 376 for six)

R. Shastri c Gooch b Hemmings 100

N. Sidhu c Morris b Fraser 30

S. Manjrekar c Russell b Gooch 18

D. Vengsarkar c Russell b Fraser 52

M. Azharuddin b Hemmings 121

S. Tendulkar b Lewis 10

M. Prabhakar c Lewis b Malcolm 25

K. More c Morris b Fraser 8

S. Sharma c Russell b Fraser 0

M. Hirwanji lbw b Fraser 0

Extras (lb-1 w-4 nb-8) 454

Total fall of wickets: 1-63 2-102 3-191 4-

241 5-288 6-348 7-393 8-430 9-430.

Bowling: Malcolm 25-1-106-1.

Fraser 39-1-104-5, Lewis 24-3-108-

1, Gooch 6-3-26-1, Hemmings 20-3-

109-2.

ENGLAND second innings

G. Gooch c Azharuddin

b Sharma 123

M. Atherton c Vengsarkar

b Sharma 72

D. Gower not out 32

A. Lamb c Tendulkar b Hirwanji 19

R. Smith c Prabhakar 15

Extras (lb-11) 11

Total (for four wickets), declared 272

Fall of wickets: 1-204 2-207 3-250-4

2 Bowling: Kapil Dev 10-0-53-0.

Prabhakar 112-2-45-1, Shastri 11-

38-0, Sharma 15-0-75-2, Hirwanji 11-

0-51.

INDIA second innings:

R. Shastri c Russell b Malcolm 12

N. Sidhu c Morris b Fraser 1

S. Manjrekar not out 29

D. Vengsarkar not out 14

Extras (nb-1) 1

Total (for two wickets) 57

Fall of wickets: 1-9-2-23.

Bowling: to date: Fraser 7-2-11-1,

Malcolm 5-0-27-1, Hemmings 2-0,

Atherton 1-0-11-0.



Kapil hit four straight sixes

Gooch broke a number of records

Horse plague risk small: veterinarians

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W. Germans tackle cruelty allegations

STOCKHOLM, July 30, (Reuter): West German show jumpers and officials said today they would do everything they could to prevent abuse of horses following allegations against former champion Paul Schockemohle.

They issued statements at the World Equestrian Games following charges of cruelty to animals levelled against West German Schockemohle by an animal protection group.

Schockemohle was shown on a video hitting horses' legs with wooden bars to make them jump higher, a practice known as rapping.

He has since said he will quit as a

rapping, which is spread by mosquitoes, struck three times in Spain in the late 1980s, but no cases have been reported since the end of 1989.

Peter Kramau, chairman of the veterinary committee of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI), told a press conference at the world equestrian games: "Regulations will be very tight."

There would be restrictions on the movement of horses and, at the stables, special paint and mosquito-proof windows.

He said the risk of a horse becoming infected in Barcelona was very small. No cases had ever been reported closer than 400 kms from the city.

The FEI has said it will recommend by the end of the summer whether the equestrian events can be held in Barcelona. Several countries have offered alternative venues.

Karpov draws

BIENNE, Switzerland, July 30, (AP): Anatoly Karpov maintained a 1.5-point lead in qualifying on Friday and I am sure it will give him all his confidence back," said Benetton team manager Gordon Message.

Alessandro Nannini, son of team owner Luciano Benetton, commented: "It was a solid and well-controlled result for the team. Nelson Piquet had bad luck today or he might have finished in the points too." Piquet retired mid-race with a smoking engine.

Benetton added: "We have kept moving forward and the

next step is to win a couple of races now. This result shows we are in a position to do it."

Senna leading the pack during Sunday's race.

race-winning cars for McLaren and Ferrari; the resurgence of three-time champion Piquet in his first year with the team; and the introduction of Ford's latest Cosworth-engineered series-four engine.

The engine has had the most notable effect on the team's performances in the last two Grands Prix and Benetton are now genuine contenders to win races.

Their success has lifted them to third in the constructors' cham-

pionship with 31 points behind McLaren, who have 77, and Ferrari on 57.

With reasonable luck they should close the gap significantly during the last seven races of the season.

McLaren, however, look almost certain to run off with the constructors' title again as Ferrari — with Briton Nigel Mansell again dogged by misfortune — seem unable consistently to supply two cars which finish a race together.

Frenchman Alain Prost, the defending world champion, drove to a relatively comfortable fourth place but Mansell was forced to retire for the third successive race when he collected some debris and damaged his car.

Mansell, who plans to retire at the end of the season, accepted his fate. "That's motor racing, isn't it?" he said with a shrug.

McLaren, who will go testing at Monza later this week in a bid to improve the balance of their troublesome chassis, came out of the race with their confidence repaired after three successive beatings by Prost.

Senna's win was his third in successive years at Hockenheim and recharged his own title challenge by lifting him ahead of Prost to the top of the race for the drivers' title again.



Ian Botham and Paul Terry

SPORTS BRIEFS

Lucky Cricket Trophy: Entries are now open for teams wishing to participate in the Lucky Cricket Trophy, 1990 at the Lucky Star Ground (opp. Nadi Al Nasr), off 6th Ring Road. For details contact Ittikhar 402 between 10.00 and 12.00 noon or Abid on 472836 between 8.00 - 9.00 pm. Last date for entries is August 17.

Hungarian golf: The Hungarian Golf Federation plans to put an end to international club tournaments late August when it hosts the first of aristocrats by the former communist regime in Hungary but as the game slowly emerges from banishment, it's likely to become a major force in the Hungarian sport scene.

Belgrade players: Welsh soccer referee Howard King is to report two Red Star Belgrade players to UEFA after sending them off in a pre-season exhibition match against Minor League Welsh club Merthyr Tydfil Saturday. The players Ilija Nadjonski and Dargisza Binic in the second half of the 1-1 draw at Merthyr for persistent fouling. They later threw water on the referee.

Last week Lecce threatened to protest to UEFA after claiming to Dutch Cup winners on July 23.

But Piolegma said Popescu's contract with Lecce had been only preliminary, requiring the agreement of his home team Universitatis Craiova.

"The teams told me they did not come to an agreement and that the whole case would not continue," said Piolegma.

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Nannini signals strong challenge from Benetton



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Benetton's progress appears due to three significant factors — the recruiting of designer John Barnard who has helped produce

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